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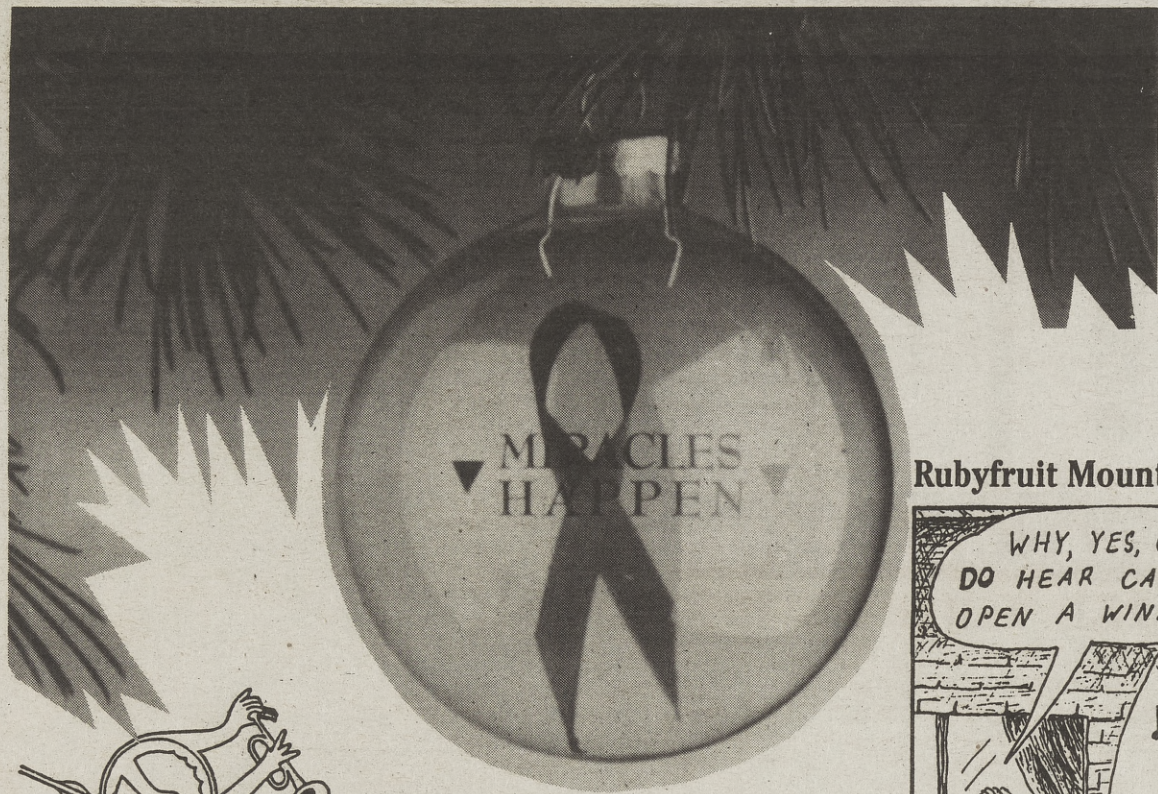
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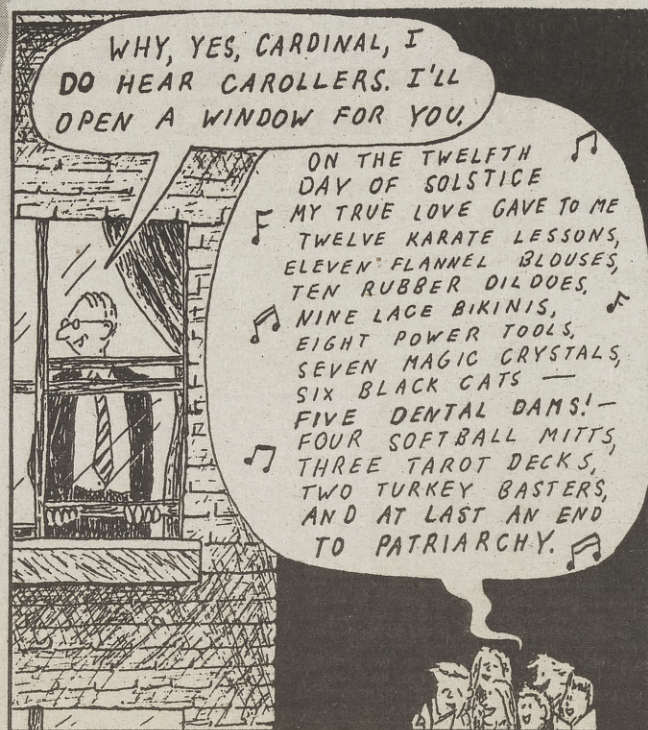
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Brown, PERS call for end to discrimination

State Treasurer Kathleen Brown joined the state's public pension fund board in a historic vote calling for an end to discriminatory practices based on sexual preferences by the national company, Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores.

"This historic vote should send a loud and clear message that PERS will not tolerate egregious employment practices which invariably threaten the overall success of a company in which it has a stake," said Brown, noting that the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is one of Cracker Barrel's largest investors with 302,150 shares of stock.

The resolution, sponsored by the New York City Employees' Retirement System (NYCERS), requests that Cracker Barrel's Board of Directors implement a policy of nondiscrimination for lesbians and gay men.

The resolution was developed in response to a company policy that discriminated against employees "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society."

That policy, implemented in the approximately 100 restaurant/gift shops operated by the company, reportedly led to the dismissal of at least 11 of its 11,000 employees, as

well as to protests, picket signs, and sit-ins. One cook received a termination notice that stated, "This employee is being terminated due to violation of company policy. The employee is gay."

Brown, a member of the PERS board, said the vote in favor of the NYCERS resolution was especially significant for PERS not only because the Board had never before taken a stand on such an issue, but also because it opposed its staff's recommendation.

"Our Board's policy in matters of equal employment is to abide by, rather than attempt to amend, existing federal, state and local regulations," the Board said in a letter sent at Treasurer Brown's request notifying cracker Barrel Board Chairman Dan Evins of the decision. "However, the Board felt that the evidence of discrimination based on sexual preference at Cracker Barrel was so egregious that an exception to the Board's policy was indeed warranted."

"Our Board believes," the letter continued, "that employment discrimination regardless of its basis is repugnant and contrary to the American principles of equality."

"The fact is that many other jurisdictions across the country have already passed laws banning discrimination based on sexual preference, and Cracker Barrel will have to abide by them if it wants to grow in those areas," said Brown. ▼

Clinton hosts AIDS interfaith religious breakfast



On Nov. 29 President Clinton and Vice President Gore hosted a breakfast gathering for religious leaders and laypersons with HIV/AIDS or otherwise involved in the struggle against AIDS. Clinton signed a proclamation instituting Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day.

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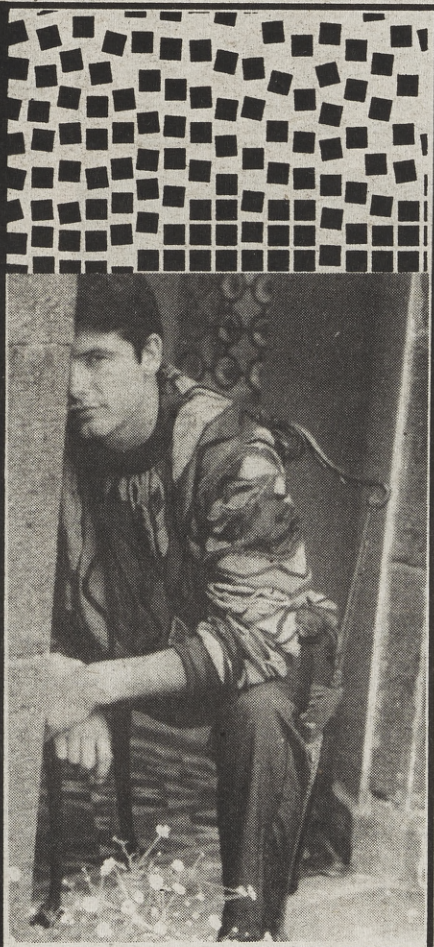
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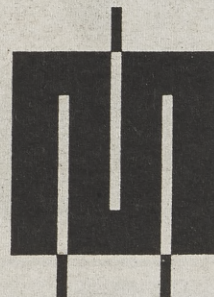
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Florida starts "Fight the Right" effort

Under attack from far-right extremists, Florida organizers are sending out a call for help to activists across the country. The American Family Association began gathering petition signatures earlier this year to place a Colorado-style ballot initiative before voters in the November 1994 elections.

If successful, the constitutional amendment would prevent the passage of laws protecting lesbians, gays and bisexuals from discrimination and would overturn existing protection.

"The AFA has been very clever in selecting language that includes the traditional categories of race, sex, marital status, religion etc...to disguise their agenda," said Nadine Smith, executive director for the Human Rights Task Force of Florida. "To the uninformed, the amendment could even be mistaken for a progressive measure to add these protections to the Constitution when in fact the motive is to exclude us and any other group not currently protected."

In addition to countering the far-right's campaign of lies and fear, Floridians have also begun a petition drive that would place on the November ballot a Constitu-

tional amendment expanding the state's constitutional Right to Privacy.

The state's existing privacy right, which applies only to the government, is one of the strongest in the country. Courts have used it as the basis for protecting women's rights to reproductive choice and a bisexual sheriff's deputy was reinstated after the court determined that his firing demonstrated an unwarranted intrusion into his private life.

The goal of what is known as the Privacy Project is to expand those protections to the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations and credit.

"This is by no means a don't ask, don't tell policy we are pursuing," said Keith Roberts, who heads the Privacy Project committee. "Gay employees or lesbian loan applicants have as much right to be open and honest

about who they are as their heterosexual counterparts. This simply tells the private sector that they can not use someone's sexual orientation or any other matter that has nothing to do with one's qualifications as the basis for their decisions."

The Privacy amendment would also address the broader agenda of the far-right that has led to increased intrusion into the private lives of citizen's, said Todd Simmons, co-chair of the human Rights Task Force.

Info: The Human Rights Task Force of Florida, 1228 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 652, Tampa, Florida, 33629. ▽

HRCF's plan of action

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has released a plan which includes the creation of a new national constituent mobilization program and a commitment to become actively involved in anti-lesbian and gay ballot fights on the state level in 1994.

In the wake of the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado and the failure of Congress to support an end to discrimination against lesbian, gay and bisexual service personnel, the Campaign Fund began a process of examining its programs and strategies.

The plan notes a "need [for] a political and lobbying operation that rivals that of the radical right. We need a responsible constituency that is ready, willing and able to take political action. We need a massive 'coming out.'"

The plan states three concrete goals: to build a membership organization; to create and train an effective grassroots infrastructure and to facilitate positive images of lesbian and gay Americans. "To the extent we achieve these goals," McFeely noted, "we will then be able to move Congress and the President to pass legislation to secure civil rights [for] lesbian and gay Americans."

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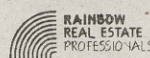
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The family next door now has a voice

By Martha Ley
Guest Writer

Two-and-a-half years ago, when Lisa Orta and Karen Rust became mothers, they did so with characteristic thoughtful planning and judicial weighing of possibilities and options - their son Gary's birth was the fulfillment of a dream. What they had not foreseen was that the creation of their special family would lead to the birth of a national newsletter "for lesbian and gay parents and their friends." In August, *The Family Next Door* was born with publication of the first 16-page issue. Two months later, the second issue (already expanded to 20 pages) came off the presses.

"As lesbian and gay parents, we are staging

lesbian parents presents not only the common challenges,



another revolution," wrote Lisa in the first issue's editorial. "We are, in all our diversity, redefining family and creating new ways to live and raise children." Lisa and Karen find child rearing as

but a unique set of issues for which there seems to be scant information and guidance.

"As a result of a dinner conversation with friends one night last December, Karen and I sat down to brainstorm

ideas for a newsletter," explains Lisa. By 3am they had come up with more than 300 article ideas for *The Family Next Door*. When they discussed their plan with other gay and lesbian parents and friends, their idea list burgeoned even further, and the urgent need to research and publish information became clear.

They decided to live with the idea of the newsletter and see if it was really worthy of a major commitment of money, energy, and time. While they continued to jot down ideas, the concept mushroomed in their imaginations. They considered liability concerns and start-up costs and realized, that to make this happen, they would have to refinance their house.

Their circle of friends already included a number of lesbians and gay men whose extended families were successfully challenging the traditional nuclear family concept. These friends voiced their encouragement for Lisa and Karen to create a new resource for families like theirs. Some even offered to write articles for the newsletter in their particular areas of expertise in their various

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Boycott of Weinstocks proposed

Emporium axes sexual orientation protection

In an ultimatum which was described as its "last, best and final offer," The Emporium Department Store in San Francisco has eliminated contract language which protects its employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation, and the Lesbian Gay Labor Alliance (LGLA) has responded with a call for a boycott of the department stores owned by its parent company, Carter Hawley-Hale, which owns Weinstocks.

The proposal, which would "disallow grievances over employer discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation or disability," would require employees who charge dis-

crimination based on any of the above categories to use only those remedies available to them through the state and city governments.

At the meeting of the Lesbian Gay Labor Alliance, Bill Fiore, Vice-president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 101's Department Store Division, briefed the group about the grievance issue, as well as economic take-aways which would adversely affect many lesbian and gay Emporium workers. The Union asked for an endorsement of a boycott against The Emporium. The Labor Alliance adopted a motion to boycott the Emporium, and its sister stores, Weinstock's and the Broadway. Info: 415-731-7739. ▽



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- Heather supported and voted for the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance sponsored by then Mayor Anne Rudin in 1992.
- Heather has regularly attended the RCDC annual dinner and the CAP-PAC annual dinner to show her support for the community.
- When Vincent Blades was murdered in 1990, Heather made sure the police categorized the incident as a hate crime and added extra police surveillance in the area to protect patrons of local nightclubs. Heather came to the Lambda Center that night to show her concern and also attended Vincent's funeral.
- When AB101 was up for consideration, Heather joined members of the Lesbian and Gay community on the steps of the State Capitol to show her support for that important legislation.
- When the "sting" at Gay Beach and Sacramento Marina was initiated by police to deter public sex, Heather brought in leaders of the Gay and Lesbian Community to work with police in developing strategies that were both acceptable and respectful.

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Murals for Algernon

By Mike Nicholson
MGW/Staff

Flowers can beautify a simple dinner table. Wallpaper can give an old room a new look. What might revitalize and make-over downtown Sacramento? One answer is the grandiose and much-hyped Downtown Plaza. Another is the cleverly painted and overlooked murals now installed along J St., two which were painted by Sacramento artists Dexter Smith and Sherman Warren.

Smith's "Jam Session" gives Sacramentans a jazzy picture of musicians playing a gig just above the Jewel Craft

parents and unmarried mothers. The guitar player, according to Smith, "represents everybody else." Along

was already a mural a few doors up...which set the precedent for the block," Smith said. "I had to do something similar."

Smith points out that all the musicians are playing the same song--they are working together. "I see people with different kinds of nationalities and backgrounds working together in the midtown section, so that's what my mural means to me."

Warren's mural, "Building + People = Cities," located on 12th St., is an idea he created from a friend's campaign slogan. The mural has three panels, the first showing the buildings of the Sacramento

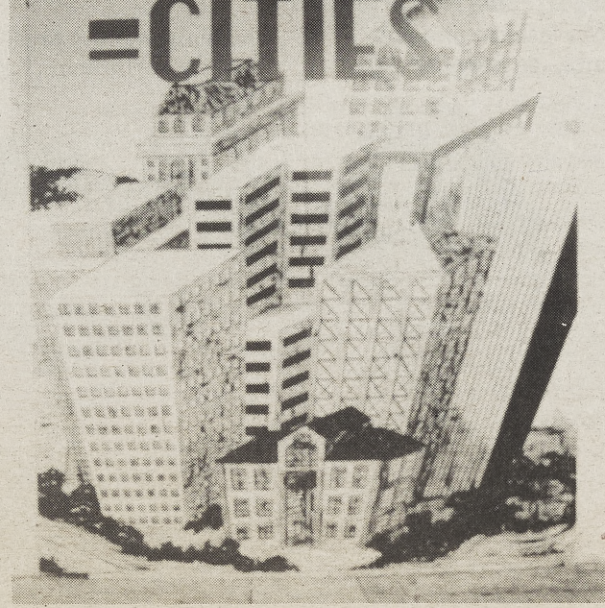
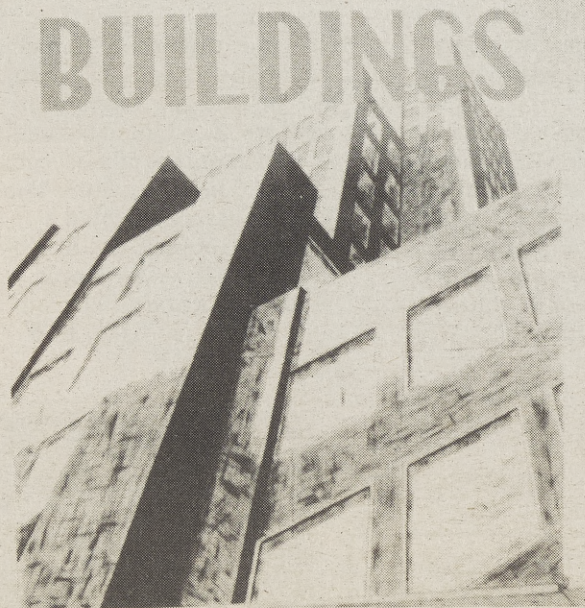
Lite Rail Gallery, was notified by the gallery about the Downtown District's idea of having artists paint murals around town to give it a pleasant look. Warren submitted his work for a mural and was given the job. Since completing the project on Nov. 13, Warren "hopes to do more for the Downtown District."

According to Downtown District's community relations representative Christine de l'Etoile, \$65,000 was funded from a grant by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency for the murals. "Sherman Warren's was the last mural in Phase Two," de l'Etoile said. "They

is an ongoing project."

If one looks closely, both Smith's and Warren's murals have certain aspects in common, one is the ethnic backgrounds of the people represented in their murals and another is the symbols representing the gay community. In Smith's, the saxophone player is wearing a red ribbon, while in Warren's, the center male is wearing freedom rings.

In the future, Smith will continue to decorate downtown with two more art works, and Warren's mural will be moved, when the vacant building where it is located is sold.



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store. The mural has four musicians, each representing different people in the midtown area--the gay community, mixed nationalities, single

with his lover, Homer Bryant, who painted the mural's bricks in an Aztec design, Smith found the project to be a challenge for them. "There

area, the second the people in the community and the third an bird's-eye view of Sacramento. Warren, whose art work was previously shown at

(The Downtown District) have chosen sights for new murals, but currently there is no more funding for them. More funds should be allocated in '94--this

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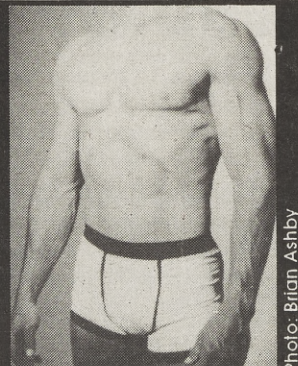


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Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award scheduled



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Pat Bond, lesbian comedienne and monologist, who brought to life Gertrude Stein and Lorena Hickock, died Christmas eve, 1990.

In the spirit of Pat, Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE) and the Pat Bond Committee will be honoring three old lesbians

who have been models and who have achieved and served in the community.

Three \$200 awards will be presented at a ceremony on Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1994. To be eligible for selection the candidates must meet the following criteria: They must live in one of the following counties; Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano or Sonoma; They must be an "out" lesbian 60 years of age or over; their contribution to the community (not limited to the lesbian/gay community) has not been sufficiently recognized.

There are many important areas in which old lesbians are excelling, like political activism, performing arts, developing and leading innovative community programs. We need your help in identifying Our Outstanding Old Lesbians.

The lesbian community needs to honor its elders and this award is a step in that direction. All nominees will be listed in the award program. For a nomination form, write: GLOE, 1853 Market St. San Francisco, CA 94102. Deadline for nominations is January 15, 1994. ▼

NEWS CLIPS

FBI retreats from gay bias suit

Fired agent Frank Buttino has reached a tentative settlement with the FBI, which agreed on Dec. 10 to cease discriminating against gay employees and applicants. Buttino, 48, filed suit against the agency in 1990, two years after his superiors had received an anonymous note that claimed Buttino was homosexual. U.S. District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong must approve the settlement.

The FBI's action came on the heels of a decision by Attorney General Janet Reno to prohibit the FBI and all other Justice Department agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

Recent conduct guidelines for the FBI, being implemented separately of the Buttino case, specify that the agency may not ask applicants about their sexual orientation or conduct.

The FBI had previously denounced Buttino, who was not immediately forthcoming with the truth about his sexual orientation because he feared he might lose his job, as a liar who did not deserve a security clearance. In the settlement, the agency agreed to issue a statement praising Buttino's record. ▼

Hospitality exchange program grows

Garnet Colley, founder of the Montreal, Quebec based Lesbian and Gay Hospitality International network reports that L/GHEI has more than tripled its membership since 1991 to nearly 300 listing in 31 countries—from Australia

to Zimbabwe. "We are confident this growth will continue."

L/GHEI is a world-wide non-profit organization for lesbians and gay men offering hospitality to other traveling members. L/GHEI publishes an annual membership directory. The deadline for receipt of applications for 1994 and the annual membership fee of \$25 is January 31. Info: L/GHEI, c/o Garnet Colley, Box 612, Stn. C, Montreal, Quebec H2L 4K5, Canada. ▼

Miller to sponsor Gay Games IV

Miller Brewing Company will be the exclusive malt beverage sponsor of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, June 18-25, in New York

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African American Art Center Brenda Joysmith, William Tolliver. 3449 Watt Ave. 485-4516.
American River College 4700 College Oak
Big Art Works "Religious Art Show", Dec 7-Jan 7. 1928 L St. 446-2740.
Capitol Gallery "Art After Hours" Keith Haring, Mark Kostabi, 1427 L St., #E, 444-9723.
Center for Contemporary Art, "Growing Toward the Light," thru Dec 19; "Nataraja" by Scott Runion Nov 4-Dec 18. 1116 15th Street., 448-6269.
Crocker Art Museum Persian Perspectives, Thru Feb 94; Oliver Jackson, Oct 16-Jan 16. "Free within Ourselves: African Art" Thru Jan 2. 216 O St., 264-5423.
CSUS Gallery Norm Rosenberger oil paintings, Thru Dec 17. University Union, 6000 J St. 278-7250.
Darkroom Gallery "Shelters of Canvas" color prints by Wendy Erickson, 7085th St. 454-4906.
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The Shenandoah Gallery 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209-245-4455.
UCD Design Gallery. "Memory Anticipation" Jan 10 - Feb 11; "Reticules, Bags and Purses" Feb 28 - Mar 25; "Picnic Day Show" Apr 12 - Apr 29; "Fibrous Raiments" May 16 Jun 17. 752-6223.
The Wreck Room Erotic art by Kim Wallace. Thru Jan 15., 2513 Broadway.

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Chautauqua Playhouse 489-PLAY.
DMTC 2121 2nd St. 756-3682.
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Foothill Theatre Company "Lend Me A Tenor," Thru Dec. 18, preview: Box 1812, Nevada City, 95959, (916) 265-TKTS.
Garbeau's, "A Christmas Carol," Thru Dec 26, "Santa's Big Surprise," Dec 4-24; New Year's Eve Gala with Jim Bailey, Dec 29 - Jan 1. "Out of Sight... Out of Murder," Jan 7-Mar 6; "Love, sex and the IRS," Mar 11-May 1; "Oakahoma!" May 6-July 10; "The Mouse-trap," July 15-Sep 4; "Nonsense," Sep 9-Nov 13; "Rumors," Nov 18-Jan 8. 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.
Garbeau's, Too "Season Songs" Holiday musical revue. Thru Dec 24. 111 K St. Old Sacramento.

Lambda Players "Psycho Beach Party," Feb 18 - Mar 19. "Antigone," Apr 13 - Jun 11. "Gertrude Stein," Jul 22 - Aug 20. YWCA Theatre, 1122 17th St., 442-7752.
Music Circus Broadway Series "The Great Radio City Spectacular," Dec 28 - Jan 2, "West Side Story," Jan 25 - 30; "Falssetos," Apr 19 - 24, "Tommy," May 31 - Jun 5. Community Convention Center Theater, 14th & L Sts. 557-1999.
SAC City Actors Theatre, "Simply Heaven," Feb 25 - Mar 26; "Our Town," Apr 15 - May 14; Storytime Theatre - "Cinderella Wore Combat Boots," Thru Oct 16; "Puss-in-Boots," Oct 30 - Dec 11; "Aladdin," Mar 12-Apr 30. 3835 Freeport, 558-2228.
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AIDS in review, 1993

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

A recent editorial in the *Sacramento Bee* describes an AIDS fatigue settling on the country, among both the general public and those on the front line of care. AIDS caregivers are drained by the emotional toll of watching friends die, and AIDS organizations have been shaken by the loss of their founders and members to the disease. Scientists are frustrated that there are so few effective treatments, and on top of it all, many people are ignoring the danger and slipping back into risky drug and sexual behaviors.

AIDS, 1993. Twelve years after statistics started tracking the mysterious infections and deaths that had begun in the 1970s. The toll mounts with each passing day — a death every 13 minutes, they tell us. Sacramento has seen over 800 lost, but it's also seeing a growing number of people bounce back from devastating illnesses, regain their weight and strength, and live for years with virtually no T-cells, no immune system.

So we remain optimistic, we cling to one another for support when someone we care about loses their battle, and we move forward together, battered, through the monster.

The *Bee* article notes that President Clinton recognizes the need to combat the fatigue. "Part of my job," he says, "is to lift the hopes and

aspirations of the American people." Our new President's willingness to take on this duty clearly separates him from those who held the office before him. His recent decision to create a 15-member National Task Force on AIDS Drug Development sends a strong message to this country that finally we have a national commitment to the kind of coordinated program that can get results. With a leader who understands the devastation this epidemic has wrecked on this country, our optimism seems valid.

Financial

• The financial toll on the country, and on health insurers, of treating HIV was reported in 1993 as averaging \$2,764 a month per person. This cost is expected to go down by nearly a third, however, because the average

frequency and length of hospital stays is going down. Over the past few years, HIV has evolved from a swift-moving illness involving long, frequent hospitalizations to an illness with long periods of low-intensity care mixed with fewer hospitalizations. Improvements in preventatives and treatments continue to add precious time to the interval between initial infection and serious illness.

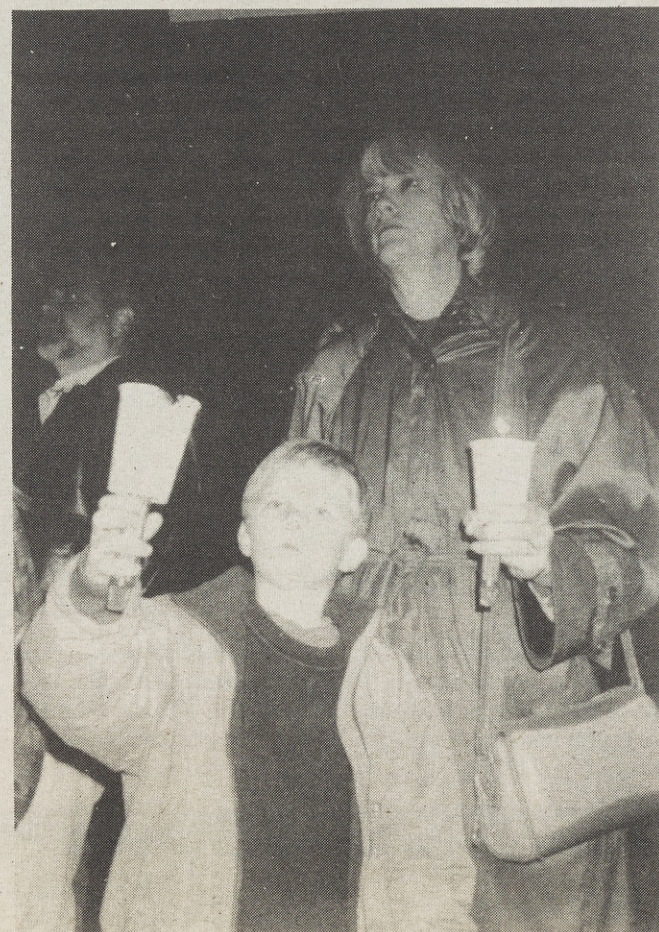
• Financial experts are providing specialized guidance for people with HIV and for those who want to take precautions against the possibility of HIV in their future. The most common mistake HIV-positive people make is doing nothing. Time is critical. People who may be most at risk for contracting HIV should be willing to pay extra to supplement their work benefits to include disability coverage if this option is available. Changing jobs or insurance companies needs to be carefully considered because a new insurer may want to withhold benefits because of a pre-existing condition. Some financial planners advise people with HIV to keep all their existing credit lines open in case they need cash for travel expenses associated with treatment, psychotherapy, experimental drugs, etc. Find out if your retirement plan can be tapped into in the event of a medical emergency; many can without penalty. Ask if your life insurance company can buy back your whole-life policy.

Compare their figures to those of the 28 viatical companies that have applied to California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi for a California license to buy out, at about 60-80%, life insurance policies of individuals whose

physicians can state they may have less than two years to live. This access to cash allows individuals to live their lives much more comfortably. (The list of the 28 companies that

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Medical

• Vaccines continue to be tested; most are not the traditional type that immunize against a virus. The AIDS vaccines for the most part are being created for people already infected with HIV. GP120 and GP160, for example, are designed to allow the immune system to begin or increase production of antibodies against HIV. An experimental vaccine designed to search out and destroy cells containing HIV received its first round of approvals the first of this month for testing on 20 people.

• TNP-470 (previously called AGM-1470), which prevents the growth and development of new blood vessels in lab animals, is an important new development in the possible treatment for KS. Phase I trials to determine dosages and side effects in people are about to begin. Interferon alpha 2b was approved as a KS treatment, but mostly for people with more than 200 T-cells because of its strong side effects. Taxol (also called Paclitaxel), a drug derived from the Pacific yew tree shown to be effective against ovarian cancer, is in Phase II study to further determine drug activity in the body, and its effectiveness against KS.

• New drugs have been developed that forestall and, in many cases, prevent devastating infections. —Rifabutin (Mycobutin) was approved in 1993 as a preventative of MAC in people with fewer than 200 T-cells. Long-term research into treating MAC still supports the fact that resistance to one drug develops so quickly, it's best treated with a combination of medications. MAC research is critical since it affects a large majority of people once their T-cells get low. Other treatment options include azithromycin, clarithromycin, roxithromycin, sparfloxacin, and numerous others. People with 0-100 T-cells who start to get fevers, severe night sweats, fatigue, or quickly lose more than 10 pounds should let their physician know as soon as possible so it can be determined if MAC is a factor. People getting close to 50 T-cells may want to discuss with their physician the use of rifabutin as a preventative.

—Monthly injections of Bactrim, Septra, or Dapsone are preventing pneumocystis, and methods are being developed to overcome the allergic sensitivity of many individuals to the sulfa in Bactrim and Septra.

—AZT, in many cases now combined with DDI or DDC to increase its effectiveness in slowing down disease progression, is still nearly the only medication that prevents and

treats AIDS dementia.

—Marinol, a synthetic version of marijuana, is used to control and prevent chemotherapy-induced nausea; additionally, it has been approved for treatment of appetite and weight loss. Megace has also been approved for weight gain.

• Dozens of other drugs, drug combinations, and medications are under study, with side effects ranging from mild to extremely strong and sometimes fatal.

It's most difficult to stand aside and wait for test results when we hear about a possible new treatment, but with the impaired ability of people with AIDS to fight back against severe side effects (that range from abdominal pain to severe diarrhea to liver damage and more), it's critical that individuals work closely with their physicians to discuss their interest in trying an experimental treatment, as well as how their body might tolerate the medication and its side effects.

It's also difficult to obtain valid test results in a community that is impacted so heavily by devastating losses and sometimes leans toward making critical decisions on their own. Tat inhibitor Ro24-7429, for example, was abandoned by Hoffman-LaRoche Labs after a report at this year's Berlin AIDS Conference said it did not show antiviral effect in patients. It's now thought that perhaps it was abandoned too early. Rumors suggest that some people in the trial never even took the drug, but instead gave it to friends who were more seriously ill and who could not get into the trial themselves. (This drug may be re-evaluated in combination with Pentoxifylline.)

Staying healthy

If you discover you're infected, know that some changes may need to be made in your life (some pesky, some simply logical). Your body is no longer responding to germs, bacteria, common colds, and other everyday things in the same way it was before you became infected. You now have an impaired immune system. Learn what

that means. Stop smoking, so you can preserve your fragile lungs. Make sure your foods are cooked thoroughly so you don't have to deal with a bout of salmonella or other infections. Don't eat raw foods where infections may lurk (undercooked meat, fish, chicken, eggs, egg nog, mayonnaise, etc.) Learn how to safely live with pets (toxoplasmosis infections abound in the waste of cats, fish, birds), and thoroughly clean all foods grown with natural fertilizers. Keep your physician informed if you want to also use alternative treatments, or change the dosage of your meds, or try an experimental medication. Take on the responsibility of learning how to live your life in the safest possible way, so you can be with us for the longest possible time. Information about all of these topics and more is readily available from CARES, the AIDS Foundation, and other organizations. If friends haven't yet been tested, encourage them to, so they can be monitored by a physician and begin to take the correct financial, medical, emotional, and other steps into their future.

Last, but not least...

Remember, your sexual expression does not need to cease simply because you are infected. Most HIV experts believe you can be reasonably safe from the HIV virus during sex if (a) you have no unprotected vaginal or anal sex (top or bottom), (b) you don't swallow semen, and (c) you pull out before ejaculation. There are many ways to express your feelings for one another that don't include penetration and exchange of semen or blood. There is a growing trend to backslide, and skip putting on the condom every now and then, or forget because stimulants are involved. This is how HIV is passed on. Assume that every person you are with may be carrying the virus, probably without even knowing it. Assert your right to protect yourself each and every time, with each and every partner. Stop giving AIDS to one another. ▼

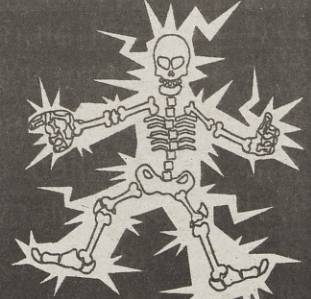
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James O. Denney

James (Jim) Osborne Denney, 46, died of a stroke in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 7, 1993. He was born in Pineville, KY, and graduated from Rice University in 1968. He earned his Master's degrees at the University of Texas at Austin (linguistics) and Texas A&M (horticulture). Jim received a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from the University of California at Davis in 1992 and was appointed

Congressional Science Fellow of the American Horticultural Society. He had recently become legislative assistant to Rep. George Brown, Jr. (D-CA). Jim worked abroad a number of times, most recently in 1985 as a landscaping specialist at the King Khaled International Airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He was founder of Liatri, an organization for gay men and lesbians working in horticultural science. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Glenn E. and Marion C. Denney of San Antonio, Texas. Cremation was in Washington, D.C. Jim was an unpretentious person, and an affectionate friend. He liked to remember his departed friends at the solstices and drink a cup of wine in their honor. His friends in Davis and Sacramento remember him fondly and wish his spirit peace. ▼

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Before you rent a car, know your strategy

Jon Nicholson
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You land at a strange airport late at night. Relieved to still find the car rental desk open, you give the clerk your license and credit card as you have in the past. This time ABC car rental refuses to rent you a car because of your driving record. Now, for the first time, car rental companies are checking not only your credit but whether you are a high risk driver. This is now only one of the hurdles you have to jump to rent a car these days.

Beginning in New York and Florida most major car rental companies have started checking the records of potential renters. Next year the number of states will

expand and will include California. What the car companies look for are drivers who have been convicted with a DUI within the past six years, have had two or more

accidents (regardless of fault) in the past three years or have been caught using an invalid license. If you know any one of these items are on your record I would suggest contacting the car company before you arrive at some distant airport.

Once you have proven not to be a high risk driver, you should have a credit card to rent a car. If you do not have one try and get a credit card before travelling. Otherwise, there is a lengthy process to cash qualify. The car companies preference for credit cards stems from the fact that if you damage or don't return the car they have a way of pursuing you. This is why a large cash deposit is required for cash rentals. If you do plan to pay with cash, make sure you call the rental company in advance to see exactly what requirements they have.

If your lover is planing on driving the car he or she will also have to have a credit card. Unfortunately, car companies only recognize non-Gay marriages and consider our relationships similar to "business associates" or friends.

Once you have made it this far in the rental the other specifics which need to be considered are the optional insurance which is offered. The most expensive is CDW or Collision Damage Waiver. This usually costs about \$10.00-per-day and covers the car if you do any damage to it. Before you spend this money, check to see if you are already covered through your credit card. Most preferred-holder Visa, Mastercard or any type of American Express card cover the cardholder when renting a car. The exception being to specialty cars such as

4 wheel drive or expensive luxury cars. One caveat is they will first have you get as much as possible from your own insurance company and then pay the balance. When you are overseas, most car companies will not honor this coverage and will make you either take their coverage, or you are required to leave a large deposit on your credit card. If your credit card does not offer rental insurance, check with your insurance agent to see if your own personal coverage insures you while driving a rented car.

The last insurance choice you have to make is for PAI or Personal Accident Insurance. This covers you if you are injured in an accident. The cost is usually around \$3.00 per day and is not worth it if you have medical insurance.

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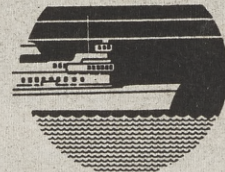
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Voice: News for gay parents with a mainstream appeal

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professions.

"What really made it happen," Lisa confesses, "was meeting Joelle Yuna." (Joelle is the editorial consultant for the newsletter.) While Lisa and Karen had the enthusiasm and dedication, it was Joelle who had the know-how. The three women met one night at the suggestion of mutual friends. "It was immediately obvious to us that Joelle had the broad technical knowledge we lacked for production of the newsletter. Even more significantly, she came with an understanding of the gay and lesbian community and an instinctive feeling for children. To top it all off, Joelle and our son Gary connected instantly! It was a perfect match for all four of us."

As the yellow caution light turned to green, the newsletter took form. Above all, it is meant to be as forthright and practical as it can be, to provide guidelines for parents facing complicated situations. Contributors to the first two issues include lesbian therapists who are themselves parents; a lesbian who is writing a journal of her experience as she and her partner choose to start a family with alternative insemination; one of Gary's

godmothers, who writes of the special joys in this new role in her life; a doctor who is the founder of the first pediatric clinic in the country providing health care specifically for children of lesbian and gay parents and for gay, lesbian, and questioning adolescents.

The Family Next Door also offers book reviews, provides notes on news events that may not have been featured in the mainstream periodicals, features places where alternative lifestyles and families are welcomed, gives space to firstperson accounts from men, women, and children who are courageously forging their lives in ways that Norman Rockwell never imagined.

Lisa and Karen are not proselytizing any specific way to live, and they are not saying they have all the answers. Rather, their goal with *The Family Next Door* is to provide an exciting new resource for lesbian and gay parents - a voice that can reach lesbian and gay parents in large urban areas as well as those in small towns in Middle America who often feel very alone. "Parenting is hard enough without feeling isolated," Lisa comments.

"We are aware that living in the Bay Area is a unique experience, and that makes it

even more important for us to hear from people across the country. We need to learn about, share, and address concerns for lesbian and gay parents nationwide."

The response to the newsletter has been wonderful and heartwarming. People write, fax, and telephone daily - a lesbian mother from Canada, anxious to share her humorous experiences; a lesbian couple looking for information on adopting older children; a financial planner who wants to write an article to help lesbian and gay parents handle their money in a responsible way; a gay man interested in international adoptions; a mid-wife telling of her career helping women give birth at home; two lesbian mothers in Florida who have raised five children, offering to tell their story.

Lisa and Karen are thrilled with the phone calls, mail, and faxes and consider every reader a potential contributor - of an idea, a need, an article. "It's hard for us in the Bay Area to imagine what lesbian and gay parents encounter in a small mid-Western town. That's why it's so wonderful to hear from people who offer to share parenting experiences from their own perspective." Lisa has been writing approxi-

mately half of the material in the newsletter and welcomes the diversity of other voices. "People can call with an idea, they can send in an article they've written, they can talk to us on the telephone - we're receptive to the transmission of information or questions in any form."

"We want to make sure that we are always responsive to the needs of readers. We'll do the work, we'll research whatever people want to know about. The readers' ideas and questions are vital to the life of *The Family Next Door*," asserts Lisa.

In addition to the newsletter, *The Family Next Door* is expanding into a few other areas. Later this year they are co-sponsoring an event at Old Wives Tales in San Francisco - *Writing for Kids in Lesbian and Gay Families*, featuring authors Sarita Johnson-Calvo and Christina Salat. And in February 1994 they are cosponsoring an open house at the Museum of Children's Art in Oakland for lesbian and gay parents and their children. Lisa and Karen see these events as good ways for families to meet each other and find support in community.

In mid-January 1994, *The Family Next Door* is sponsoring a parenting series led by a

psychotherapist who is a lesbian parent. The series is scheduled to meet once a week for seven weeks, and childcare will be provided.

When Lisa and Karen met nearly seven years ago, Lisa was absolutely certain that she wanted to have a child in her life. She told Karen to think about that certainty and see what it meant to her, for being mothers would surely change their lives both individually and as a couple. Karen thought seriously about the impact that a child would have on her life - she loved children, but had never actually considered having and raising a child with a partner. Happily, her vision of the future easily encompassed the addition of a child in their lives, and they embarked on motherhood with unified resolve and excitement.

Lisa and Karen are raising Gary "absolutely 50-50," says Lisa. "In our eyes and in his, we are both his mother." At a recent gathering another lesbian mother came up to Lisa with tears in her eyes to tell her what she had overheard. New friends, Gary and her son had been playing together, and when Gary saw his playmate's mother, he turned to his friend to ask, "Where's your other mother?"

UNDER THE DOME

Thumbs up for queer candidates

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund endorsed four openly gay and lesbian candidates. The qualified candidates and their races are Tony Miller of Sacramento for Secretary of State, William Fitzpatrick for Rhode Island State Senate, George Eighmey for Oregon House of Representatives and Susan Leal for San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Along with his reputation for fairness and efficiency, Tony Miller's depth of experience makes him the "most qualified candidate to become California's next Secretary of State." Miller has worked for the incumbent March Fong Eu for twenty-five years. He co-managed her first campaign for the office and had been significantly involved in every campaign since. After earning his J.D. from the University of California School of Law, Miller was appointed to the Fair Political Practices Commission and then became Chief Legal Counsel to the Secretary of State. In 1981, he was appointed Chief Deputy Secretary of State, a constitutionally recognized public office which he still holds. In early 1994, he will become the Acting Secretary of State when Eu is formally appointed as U.S. Ambassador to Micronesia.

The first openly gay man to run for statewide office anywhere in the nation, Miller has already been endorsed by the immensely popular Eu. (Primary June 7; General

In May 1993, Portland attorney and activist George Eighmey became Oregon's second openly gay state representative when he was appointed to the vacant 14th

Nov. 8.) District seat. Describing himself as "pro-choice, pro-family and pro-diversity,"

Eighmey has been targeted for defeat by Oregon's religious right (whom he describes as "biblically dysfunctional").

On June 7 attorney and native San Franciscan Susan Leal was sworn in to complete Roberta Achtenberg's term on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Leal is the first Latina to serve on the Board and the first openly lesbian Latina ever to serve in elected office.

ART

"Scrapbook For Sarah"

Matrix Gallery and Sacramento AIDS Foundation will sponsor a New Works Collaboration, partially funded by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, between Dexter Smith and Margaret Boone. The original performance consists of large on-site paintings woven together with music by Tim Randles and Wes Woodard to create a warm story about a girl named Sarah who has lost her family to AIDS. It tells of her struggle with and

eventual triumph over grief in a series of vignettes brought to life with painting, poetry, music, dance and video in a format that is appealing to adults and children.

The 60-minute performances are free to the public and held in Matrix Art Gallery at 1725 I Street, Friday Dec. 17 at 8pm, and Saturday, Dec. 18,

at 3pm. Paintings created during the event will be on display through Dec. 30, and again on "Second Saturday," Jan. 8 in the artist's studio, 1727 1/2 I Street.




Smith's "Peace," a contest entry.

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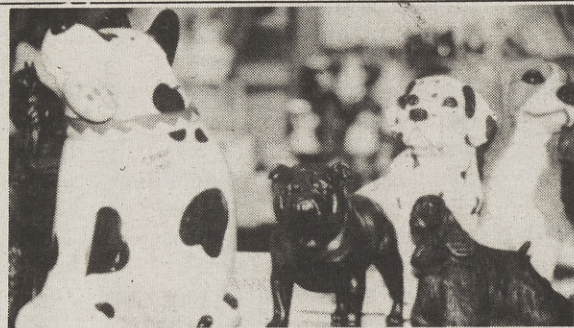
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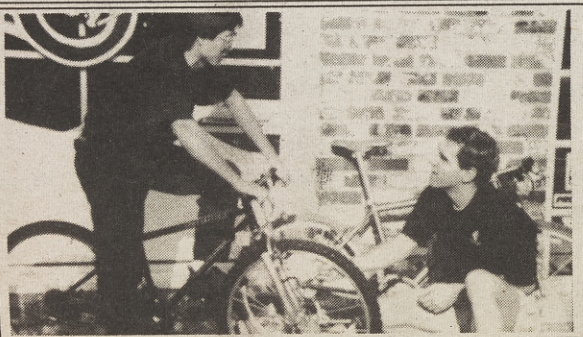
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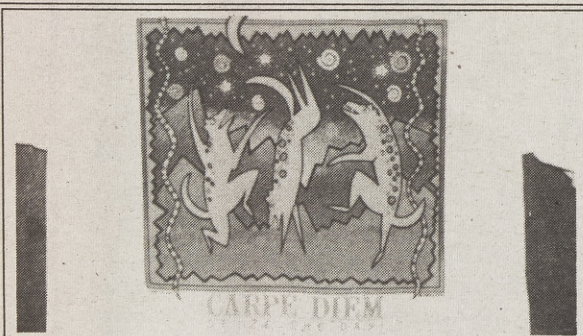
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VIDEO

Holiday 'homo videos'

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Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle & Erich Mathias
MGW/Staff**American Fabulous** ▼▼½

1992, color, 105 mins.
Directed by **Reno Dakota**.
Starring **Jeffery Strouth**.
Amateurish, static bitchfest from rambling commentator Strouth—who is a mixture of Quentin Crisp, Tallulah Bankhead and Spalding Gray with a mighty big ax to grind. Shot primarily in the back seat of a 1957 Cadillac while cruising across the American landscape, Strouth, who died of AIDS shortly before the film's release, weaves a series of tales from his past (alcoholic father, teenage prostitution, heroin addiction) that become Dickensian and remote...but are beautifully delivered, nevertheless, dahlinks.

—E.M.

Being at Home With Claude ▼

1991, color, b/w, Canadian, 90 mins.
Directed by **Jean Beaudin**.
Moronic, endlessly talky drama based on Rene-Daniel Dubois' tightly wrapped play about a street hustler found crying over spilled milk in the wake of his murdering the title's Claude.

Beautifully choreographed black and white scenes (which are mesmerizingly erotic and violent) and a stunning score can't prop up this rotted cadaver.

—E.M.

The Best of The Kids In The Hall ▼▼▼½

1993, color, 120 mins.
Directed by **John Blanchard & Jack Budgell**.
Starring **Dave Foley, Bruce McCulloch, Kevin McDonald, Mark McKinney, Scott Thompson**.
Long overdue video debut from Canadian television export The Kids In The Hall who currently appear nightly on the cable television's Comedy Channel.



The Kids represent a new wave of kamikaze comedy to fill the void left since the demise of the original Saturday Night Live.

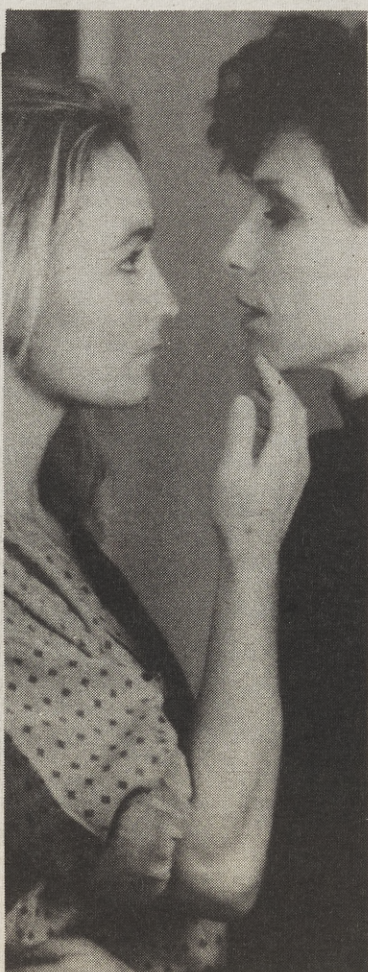
Includes delicious scenes of the nymphomaniacal Chicken Lady, nightclub raconteur Buddy Cole, the Head Crusher and the lascivious Cabbage Head.

—E.M.

Claire of the Moon ▼▼▼½

1992, color, 70 mins.
Directed by **Nicole Conn**.
Starring **Trisha Todd, Karen Trumbo, Damon Craig, Faith McDevitt**.

For those who saw the film in the public setting of your local movie theater, you now have the privilege of watching *Claire of the Moon* in the privacy of your own home. For those who have yet to see it because you



probably heard all the mixed reviews from your friends, this is the opportunity to see an excellent romantic movie with the person whom you most want to watch excellent romantic movies.

Claire of the Moon is *Desert Hearts* (1985) gone Pacific Northwest. Exchange those 1950's western shirts for turtlenecks and flannels, swap the sagebrush Nevada desert for the pine studded Oregon beaches, delight as the straight woman pursues the lesbian instead of the other way around.

The movie is captivating as we watch the metamorphosis of Claire from satirical skeptic slut to soul searching, pensive lover. The technique of showing the women's fantasies is forceful as it leads the viewer to ask is that what is really going on...? Writer and director Nicole Conn knows sensuality, knows intimacy, and knows women all too well.

The setting is a writer's retreat on the Oregon Coast. The lesbians are the dominant heroines instead of the aberrant personalities. Dr. Noel Benedict and Claire Jabrowski are destined to be lovers more surely than Abelard and Heloise, Romeo and Juliet or Ruth and Naomi. Noel and Claire's dance is the most erotic scene in cinema since the bloodletting of *The Hunger* (1983). The characters surrounding them are supportive in a caricature of women we work with and are friends with.

This video is truly worth the purchase price. Renting it once will only make you rent it again and again and again. Rush to the store. Rush home. Rush your beloved (or want-to-be beloved) home. Watch this and tell me if it isn't the finest small screen experience of your life.

—E.P.

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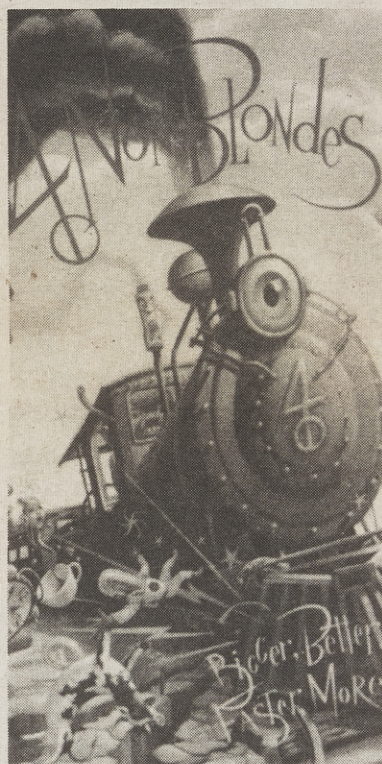
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MUSIC

Bigger, Better, Faster, More!Reviewed by Nancy Flagg
MGW/Staff**4 Non Blondes**
1992, Atlantic

Combine the style and power of Pat Benatar, Grace Slick and the Wilson sisters from Heart and you'll have an idea of the vocal force of Linda Perry, the lead singer for 4 Non Blondes.

It's hard to notice much else besides Linda's voice, but she has a great band behind her consisting of Christa Hillhouse, Dawn Richardson and Roger Rocha. The recording starts with a few quiet bars of some backwater bluesy tune and then kicks into high gear with a rocking electric guitar on *Train*. *Superfly* maintains the hot pace but the music slows a little with *What's Going On* as Linda sings "25 years of my life and still I'm trying to get up that great big hill of hope for a destination." Songs of escapism, despair and disquiet abound, as in *Morphine* and



Chocolate, in which Perry describes substitutes for life's pains; "you might be careful, it really hurts when it's real."

The music is genuine rock with a metal edge. Even if it wasn't great music, the release might be worth buying still, just to read the extensive and entertaining list of

credits. Entries include "Nancy Rock Goddess Kravitz," "all the liberal/activist non-profit organizations fighting to save the sorry state of affairs" and "all the people I mooched off of."

If you're a rock aficionado who likes mighty female vocals, think about getting yourself a copy of *Bigger, Better, Faster, More!*

Stolen MomentsDiana Ross
1993, Motown

This is an excellent live recording of a Diana Ross concert given last year at the Ritz Theatre in New York. Ross performs 19 jazz and blues classics; some slow and some upbeat.

Her voice is as smooth as always as she sings *Gershwin's*

The Man I Love, *Fine and Mellow* by Billie Holiday, *Ain't Nobody's Bizness If I Do*, and the uniquely titled *Gimme A Pigfoot (And A Bottle of Beer)* to name a few.

Diana is accompanied on the first set by a Jazz Band consisting of trumpets, trombones, guitars, saxophones and drums. In the second set she is backed by The Sextet and the final set features The Big Band, a larger version of the Jazz Band.

Throughout the concert Diana seems to be enjoying herself enormously and talks comfortably with the audience between numbers. She introduces the show as an "intimate evening of blues and jazz" and describes how she wants the jazz to be, "loose, free, and mellow." She unquestionably achieves her goal in this fine performance. ▼



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On Sextus, on Titus, on Servilia and Publius

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

Of the two operas Mozart completed in his final year (1791), *The Magic Flute*, has become a staple of the repertory, whereas *La Clemenza di Tito* has failed to attract large audiences.

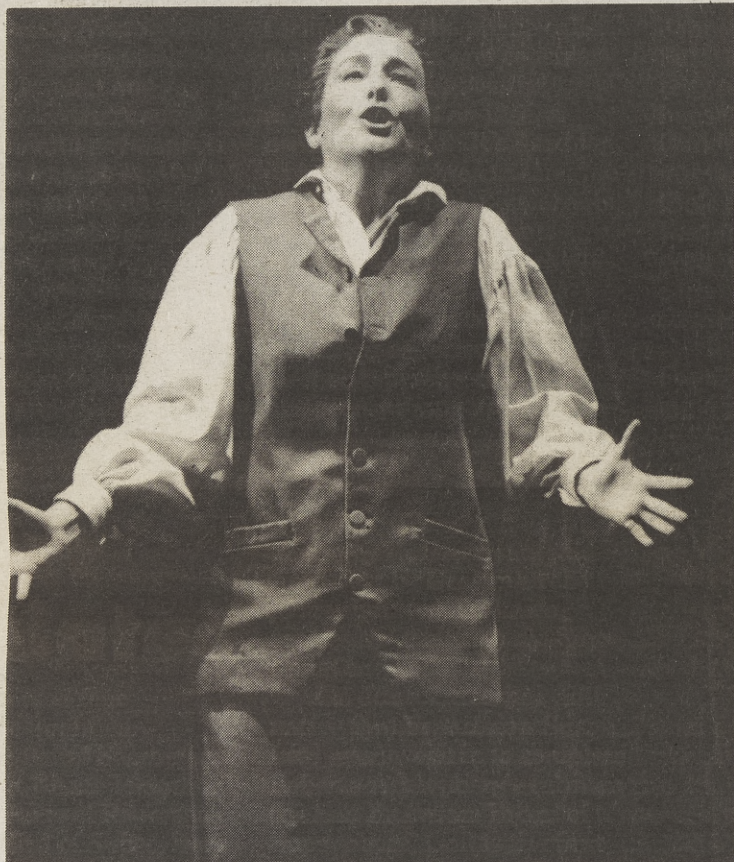
One reason is its wildly improbable story: when an attempt by his closest friend Sextus to assassinate him fails, the altruistic Roman emperor Titus forgives all the conspirators. In his opening scene, Titus indicates that his chief joy in life is to help others. This man needs only watch a few episodes of *I*

old-fashioned with its high-blown noble sentiments. After *Figaro* and *Così fan tutte*, this stuff seems like a Sunday school lesson. Thirdly, the music is not on the same level as Mozart's greatest works. It is never less than beautiful and does contain some very fine and moving pieces, but it never reaches the heights of

longed applause, and she succeeded in making the Act II scene in which Sextus tries to explain his betrayal to Titus highly moving. As Vitellia, the instigator of the plot, Marquita Lister's soprano was effective in its lower and middle range, but sometimes became a shriek in high or rapid passages. She does not command the absolute vocal control required for Mozart. In the role of Sextus's friend Annus, Susan Graham revealed an astonishingly musical mezzosoprano somewhat reminiscent of Janet Baker. She was completely at ease in long flowing phrases or in ornamented passages, and her fine acting brought life into this character. Cheryl Parrish sang musically as Servilia (Annus's love) and Kenneth Cox was especially rich-voiced as the prefect Publius.

Only Titus himself was a great disappointment. Stephen Guggenheim lacked almost everything this role needs. His tenor is pinched and thick, and he does not connect words or musical phrases; he almost sings note by note. His Italian pronunciation desperately needs work, and, to make things even worse, he sings as though he has mashed potatoes in his mouth. Mr. Guggenheim is a 1993 Adler Fellow; he needs a lot more work before being allowed to sing a major role in a world-class opera house. Donald Runnicles' conducting brought forth the delicacy and excitement in this score.

The production, borrowed from Houston Grand Opera and the Scottish Opera, did little to help the opera. Costumes were set in Mozart's day to reflect the fact that this work is the Age of Reason's interpretation of Roman sensibility. To me it just seemed silly to have the characters sing about Roman glory while looking as though they were in the French Revolution. The single set consisted of a huge scruffy stone wall that looked as if it were well on its way to becoming a ruin. For scene changes, a large upper window opened and closed: when we were outside, it remained closed, but for interior scenes it opened to reveal the sky. Really now!▼



From the San Francisco Opera, mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade as Sextus in Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito*.

Claudius to find out what it really takes to be emperor! The other characters are also so afflicted with excessive goodness that they make us wince. A second reason for its neglect is that the work is an *opera seria*, a style which had by 1791 become somewhat

the three Da Ponte operas.

The SFO cast was top-knotch in most of the roles. Frederica von Stade was ideal as Sextus. She sang gorgeously with easy control of both legato and ornamented passages. The great aria "Parto, parto" brought pro-

FILM

Spotlight

Naked Tango ▼▼½

1991, color, 90 mins.

Directed by Leonard Schrader.

Starring Vincent D'Onofrio, Mathilda May, Esai Morales, Fernando Rey, Cipe Lincovski, Josh Mostel.



A 1924 luxury liner from Le Havre to Buenos Aires sets the stage for a stylish, ultra-noir set piece that ultimately collapses with all the glory of a punctured lung.

Writer/director Schrader, in a story inspired by the late Manuel Puig (*Kiss of the Spider Woman*), has crafted an interesting tale of switched identity, sadism, sexual slavery, feminine/masculine roles and death, each symbolized through the art of dance; a symbol—albeit a stunningly beautiful symbol—that loses its cinematic power as quickly as it appears.

May stars as the restless, dissatisfied young bride of Rey who discovers a suicide and assumes the dead woman's identity. The deceased was a Polish mail-order bride betrothed to the dashing, vile Jew Zico (Morales). D'Onofrio is the handsome Valentino-like Cholo who tangoes into May's increasingly violent and entrapped world.

As colorful and exotic as *Prospero's Books* (1991) and *Orlando* (1993) but lacking the wit, insight and cohesiveness of, respectively, William Shakespeare and Virginia Woolf.

—Erich Mathias

Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ▼

1993, color, 107 minutes

Directed by Bill Duke.

Starring Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith, James Coburn, Kathy Najimy, Mary Wickes, Wendy McKenna, Sheryl Lee Ralph, and Barnard Hughes.



Tally up another film from the list of movies for which there should never have been a sequel.

Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit, the follow-up to 1992's smash hit *Sister Act*, is amazingly far-fetched. Las Vegas showgirl Dolores Van Cartier (Goldberg) returns as a Vegas headliner who is hunted down by the previous batch of nuns to persuade her to return to the church where they now help

behavior problem teenagers. In a single bound Whoopi manages to save the school, now near closure, by turning a music class full of delinquents (who seem miraculously to have had training at Julliard) into an award winning choir.

Far less magical than *The Sound of Music* (1965), and lacking the charm of the original *Sister Act*, wait for this one to hit video stores.

—Teresa Flores

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The Gay Man's Guide to Safer Sex ▼▼▼

1993, color, 50 mins.

Directed by David Lewis.

Serious and oddly implicit self-help vid details the ins-and-outs of safer sex as demonstrated by a herd of male studs. Come on...Give it a try. —E.M.

The Hours and Times ▼▼▼

1991, b/w, 82 mins.

Directed by Christopher Munch.

Starring Ian Hart, David Angus.

Speculative drama about the relationship between Beatles manager Brian Epstein (Angus) and John Lennon (Hart) who vacation together in Barcelona, Spain prior to the ultimate phenomena of The Beatles. More of a Jewish, upper-class meets British, working-class tale than that of a blissful hetero/homo union. Epstein's angst (particularly) does add some much needed sexual tension but the shifting nature of his relationship with Lennon is much more interesting. —E.M.

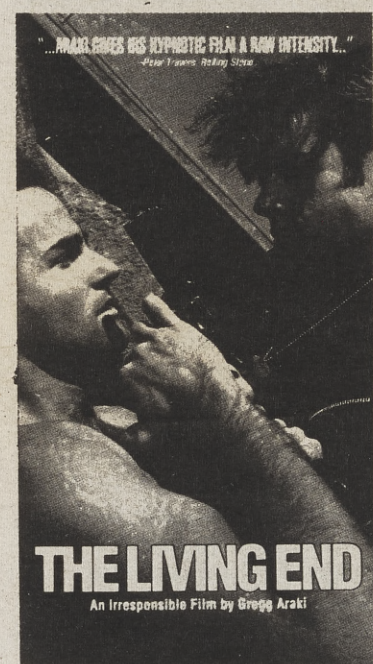
The Living End ▼▼▼

1992, color, 92 mins.

Directed by Gregg Araki.

Starring Mike Dytri, Craig Gilmore, Mark Finch, Mary Woronov, Johanna Went, Darcy Marta, Scott Goetz, Craig Lee.

Dangerously irresponsible, brilliant, no-budget filmmaking from underground film messiah Araki about HIV-positive film critic Mike



(Dytri) and his obsessive, loving encounter with drifter Luke (Gilmore).

Rage, lust, murder and romance mingle in this deadly cocktail that is rich with filmic symbolism (watch for the link between film's references to the death of cinema and the clothing of a group of gay-bashers) and a skewed glance at the world from Araki's mightily unique perspective.

Film neatly dispatches taboos of sexual negativity and celluloid no-brainers such as *Longtime Companion* (1989) and *Making Love* (1982). This is a rare gift of love from the heart of a nihilist/anarchist...so don't look this gift horse in the mouth. (Highlight is loving portrait of murderous dykes, wonderfully portrayed by Mary Woronov and Johanna Went, who kidnap Luke.) —E.M.

Marching for Freedom ▼▼▼

1993, color, 78 mins.

Directed by Craig Landy.

Juries have been singularly unmoved—apparently perhaps blinded—by the videotaped events that unfolded before them in both the Rodney King and Reginald Denny beating cases.



To the contrary, no one may remain unmoved or blinded to the emerging realities of sexual orientation, its roles and perceptions in society and the great, final struggle for individual rights so succinctly documented in this National Gay & Lesbian Task Force video of 1993's March On Washington. (See also *Prelude to Victory*.)

This feature-length commemorative video takes a person-on-the-street approach to a wide spectrum of the March's events: the military ban, marriage, AIDS, music, comedy, speeches and resolute activism.

The video soars as a permanent record of the struggle for individual rights: it is something to be seen again and again. It is a worthy record of an important event that could not have existed during the battle for civil liberties fought in the 1960s or at Stonewall or at the candlelight vigil for the slain Harvey Milk. It removes itself from a worthless "fifteen minutes" of fame as an item on the eleven o'clock news and subtly shifts the veil of bigotry closer to its final destination.

Opening videography by local residents Ben and Vic Ferrer, opening music by Vic Ferrer. To order: 800-993-1993. —E.M.

Men's Swimsuit Video Guide, 1993 ▼

Produced by P. Michael Perez.

1993, color, 40 mins.

Sort of a Home Shopping Club for the desperate queer. The video



offers scads of scantily clad studcakes meandering across the small screen showing off their...swimsuits.

Gimmicky infomercial is too softcore for any real entertainment value and, by the way, the suits suck, fashionably speaking...though it manages to improve on the concept of catalogue shopping and beats QVC to a tasty pulp. How's that for making and achieving goals in life?

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Prelude to Victory ▼▼▼

1993, color, 60 mins.

Hyperbolic view of 1993's March On Washington never loses its fundamental and compelling message of individual rights and the pandemic threat against them.

Focuses on speakers which include Ralph White (former aide to Senator Sam Nunn who was fired because he is gay), Sir Ian McKellan, Martina Navratilova and Dorothy Hajdys, mother of Allen Schimler, a gay sailor murdered in Japan.

Pleasant companion piece to NGLTF's *Marching for Freedom*. —E.M.

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe ▼▼▼

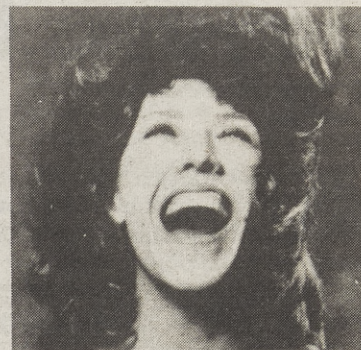
1991, color, 120 mins.

Directed by Jane Wagner.

Starring Lily Tomlin.

Overly long on home video (and sorely missing the audience electricity and rapport of her stage performance) Tomlin's Tony award-winning one-woman show retains its one greatest asset: Tomlin herself.

Based on characters created by Tomlin and director Wagner, the "story" revolves around Trudy, a bag lady whose unique cosmology provides the impetus and insight to a variety of vignettes on the human condition. Tomlin's universe shifts its focus from the Women's Movement to teenage punk Agnes, from middle-class aerobics to streetwalkers Tina and Brandi. Each smoothly segued piece of this brilliant puzzle offers wise truth and warm, loving humor served by one of this century's most talented comic geniuses.



"How is it that the human mind is more than the human mind can understand?" Trudy asks. Tomlin answers as only Tomlin can.

Also made recently available is the *Lily Tomlin Video Collection* that includes *Lily: Sold Out*, *Appearing Nitely*, *Lily For President* and *Ernestine: Peak Experiences*. —E.M.

Via Appia ▼▼▼

1991, color, German, Portuguese, 90 mins.

Directed by Jochen Hick.

Starring Peter Senner, Guilherme de Padua, Yves Jansen.

Frank (Senner), a German flight attendant, wakes up in a Rio de Janeiro hotel room after tricking with a now absent Brazilian street hustler. Frank then discovers the words "Welcome to the AIDS club" scrawled across his bathroom mirror.

Now suffering with full-blown AIDS, Frank returns to Brazil with a German film crew in search of Mario, his deadly one-night stand. Shot in murky mockumentary style, Frank moves through the alleys and bath houses of Rio's "AIDS Farm" as his life slips away.

Mild, unapologetic, existential study of a grim underworld of sex and commerce which owes to Rainer Werner Fassbinder's *Fox and His Friends* (1975) much more than it can ever hope to repay. —E.M.



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The cycles of nature broken

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

As he approached old age, the question of mortality grew in the work of Czech composer Leos Janacek. He explored this topic in *The Cunning Little Vixen*. An aging forester, unable to accept the inevitability of death, learns, through the actions of the vixen Sharp Ears, to see death as one part of the great cycle of birth, life, and death found in nature.

The animals, and ultimately the forester, are part of these great cycles and whatever immortality they

achieve is through acceptance of these natural cycles. In Janacek's next opera, *The Makropulos Case*, he shows what happens when the cycles are broken.

The piece is based on a play by Karel Capek who coined the term "robot." Emilia Marty is in reality the 337-year-old Elena Makropulos, whose father discovered the elixir of youth and tested it on his daughter. She needs the formula for this potion so she can continue to live on. As the opera unfolds, she desperately tries to get it, but comes to realize that it is

the presence of death which gives meaning to life. The great cycles of nature are not to be broken.

The astringent score is Janacek's most difficult to approach. It is largely recitative declaimed against an orchestral texture. The vocal line is made up of short choppy phrases and is never allowed to unfold except at the end. His sparse style reflects the disorder brought into the world when the natural cycles are broken. When order returns, Emilia Marty comes to accept death and her lines open into long profound

melodies of great beauty.

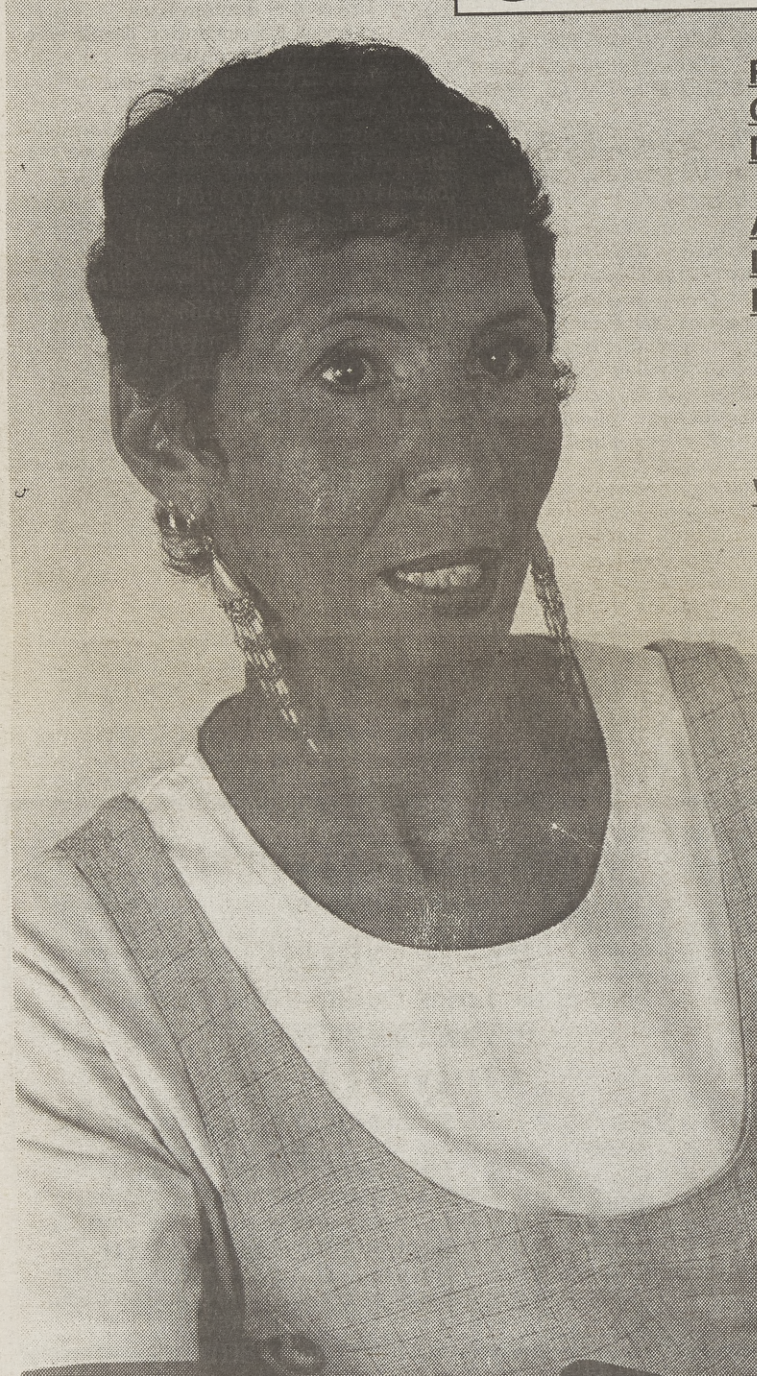
Sung by Stephanie Sundine, the character of Emilia Marty has a pleasant but smallish voice which was taxed on high notes or on powerful phrases. It was almost comical to hear the characters carry on about her glorious singing, as we heard a very ordinary thin voice. The final scene, the high point of the opera, lacked its full potential impact. Ms Sundine is a beautiful woman, but she did not convey that mysterious attraction for men which Marty is supposed to have. The rest of the cast was generally quite good, and the straight-forward sets framed the work well. Charles Mackerras' conducting revealed his love of Janacek's music as he brought out the gorgeous orchestral sound while supporting the voices and allowing them to be heard easily.

Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg, Wagner's five-hour marathon of self-promotion, returned after an eight-year absence using the same production as before. The individual performances were all competent, the attractive sets based on the work of Albrecht Durer worked fine and the conducting and choral singing were good. If there were no real valleys, there were also few real peaks. Hans Sachs was sung by Bernd Weigl who possesses one of the most beautiful baritones in opera. Unfortunately he had to force for volume and seemed like a good-natured guy rather than the deeply wise being he is supposed to be. One got no sense of his emotional multifaceted relationship with Eva. Jan-Hendrik Rootering was slightly nasal as Pogner, but Robert Orth was spitefully humorous as the small-minded Beckmesser. Ben Heppner's tenor was overly thick for Walther, the impetuous young creator of new music (Wagner himself, of course). He could belt out the Prize Song but was not so successful at singing softly. Kadja Mattila was an enchanting Eva. She is an attractive very slender woman, but her unforced voice has great volume and beauty. Her singing showed more steadiness and control than in her earlier appearances here. Major stardom appears to await this wonderful singer. The rest of the cast performed well and Donald Runnicles conducted.

The chief attraction of the new production of *I Puritani* was June Anderson's Elvira. The opera, Bellini's last, suffers from a foolish libretto (for the flimsiest of reasons, Elvira goes mad in Act I, sings a mad scene in Act II and suddenly recovers in Act III) but the score is a miracle of melody.

Ms. Anderson's strong soprano easily floated the long cantilena for which Bellini is famous yet had fireworks in reserve for the ornamentation. Her dramatic acting made the famous mad scene, "Qui la voce," actually gripping. As her lover Arturo, Gregory Kunde looked handsome (if a bit chunky)

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Gay issues get wide coverage in almanacs

By JT Colfax
Guest Writer

The 1994 reference almanacs have hit the stores and libraries and this year they provide an unprecedented coverage of gay issues. Houghton Mifflin's *Information Please 1994 Almanac* includes two special articles on gay issues. The almanac has been published since 1947 and has not been overwhelmingly gay inclusive until this year. The topics of the gay special articles are "Milestones in the Gay Right's Movement" (under the heading Civil Rights) and "Gays in the Military" (under Current Events.)

The article on Gay Rights begins with the gay subculture of the early 1900's, goes on through World War II, mentions President Eisenhower's Executive Order barring gays and lesbians from all federal jobs, the federal government's encouragement of harassment and vice raids and the resulting birth of the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis. The article goes on to cover Stonewall, Anita Bryant, the first March on Washington, Jesse Helms, Jerry Falwell and ends with the onset of AIDS and the founding of Gay Mens Health Crisis. "A personal and social tragedy of immense proportions," the article states, "AIDS paradoxically strengthened the political arm of the gay movement."

The Gay's in the Military article establishes for historians the story of the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise. The article quotes Gary Bauer president of the Family Research Council and an opponent of gays in the military as saying that even conservatives would have respected President Clinton more if he'd have stuck with his original pledge to make it legal to be gay in the military.

The book also reports hate-crimes incidents at 422 anti-homo/bi-sexual assaults and 3 anti-heterosexual hate crimes.

The Holocaust section mentions homosexuals who died at the hands of the Nazis.

Under the Toll Free Numbers section they put a listing reading, "There is no toll-free number available that can be used on a national level," under the sub-heading Gay & Lesbian.

The other popular almanac by Funk & Wagnalls, *The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1994* mentions gays in

the military story right after Clinton's inauguration and discusses the friction between the President and General Colin Powell and other chiefs of staff over the issue. There are several mentions of Petty Officer Keith Meinhold's struggle to remain in the Navy after his disclosure of homosexuality. This book places the number of attendees at this year's March on Washington at, "300,000 to one million," and discusses President Clinton's meeting with Gay Right's Activists in the White House on April 16th.

Roberta Achtenberg's appointment as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is also discussed. She is the first open homosexual to be appointed to a position requiring Senate confirmation. The killing of gay sailor Allen Schindler by his shipmate Terry Helvey was not forgotten in this almanac as it was in *Information Please*, nor was Georgia Senator Sam Nunn's opposition to gays in the military.

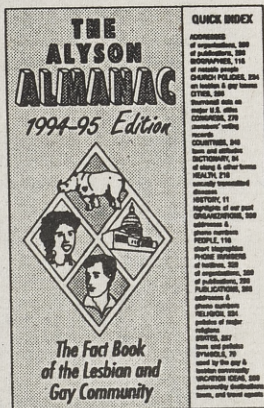
Under notable Quotes of 1993 *The World Almanac* quoted former Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater: "You don't need to be 'straight' to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight."

Noticeably missing from both widely read almanacs are the assassination of Harvey Milk in their history sections and the passing of Amendment 2 in Colorado and the resulting boycott.

To encourage the appearance of gay issues in the chronology of history write to: *World Almanac*, One International Blvd, Suite 444, Mahwah, NJ 07495; and Houghton Mifflin, *Information Please*, 215 Park Ave. South, NYC, NY 10003. ▼

Gay/lesbian reference tool

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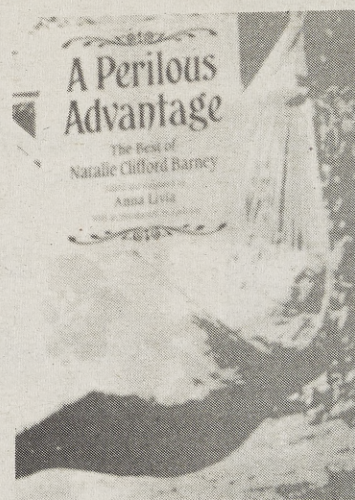
The Alyson Almanac is graphically pleasing to the eye, while it is loaded with all the answers to your questions about the gay and lesbian lifestyle.

A Perilous Advantage

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
MGW/Staff

A Perilous Advantage, The Best of Natalie Clifford Barney translated by Anna Livia, New Victoria Publishers, 1992, 193 pages, \$10.95 paperback.

The title of the collection of short pieces by Barney is from the foreword to *Souvenirs Indiscrets*, in which she wrote, "Being other than normal is a perilous advantage." I think all of us who



have spent any part of our lives being open and vocal about who we are, recognize the sentiment.

Barney is one of the

foremothers of the lesbian tradition as her writings predate Radclyffe Hall and the Well of Loneliness. Her salon in Paris was the gathering place for Proust, Stein, Colette among others. Her relationship with Renee Vivien was immortalized by Vivien in *A Woman Appeared to Me* and is a fictionalized version of a love that rivals the passion of Violette Trefusis and Vita Sackville-West.

Until this edition, very little of her writings were available to be read in English. This translation allows us to glimpse her views on her contemporaries as she writes as she lived, boldly and outrageously.

A must for the serious lesbian writing collection.

Ladies' Night

Ladies' Night, Elisabeth Bowers, Seal Press, International Women's Crime, 1988, 238 pages, \$8.95 paperback.

No Forwarding Address Elisabeth Bowers, Seal Press, 1991, 271 pages, \$18.95 hardback.

Bowers' two novels of the private investigator Meg Lacey, a divorced mother of two, deserve to be read back to back. One, because, then everyone who knows that



there is a formula to all mysteries will see that, this, is in deed true, and never have to read another mediocre mystery again. Or, two, double the pleasure of a good

heroine who is not infallible, makes mistakes and barely remains solvent over the course of 4 years.

Ladies' Night is the story of Lacey's attempt to locate a teenage runaway for parents that may or may not deserve to have her return. It reaches into the drug scene of urban Vancouver, B.C. and into teenage prostitution. No Forwarding Address is the attempt to locate the missing sister who may or may not be battered and escaping a violent environment, the requisite women's mystery novel formula.

Seal Press is a feminist press. It has a fine line of women authors but the same old stories are being recycled time and time again. It is time for a change. We need to do better.

I liked these but it reminded me of the old Mrs. Columbo mysteries, entertaining but a waste of an hour of reading time. ▼

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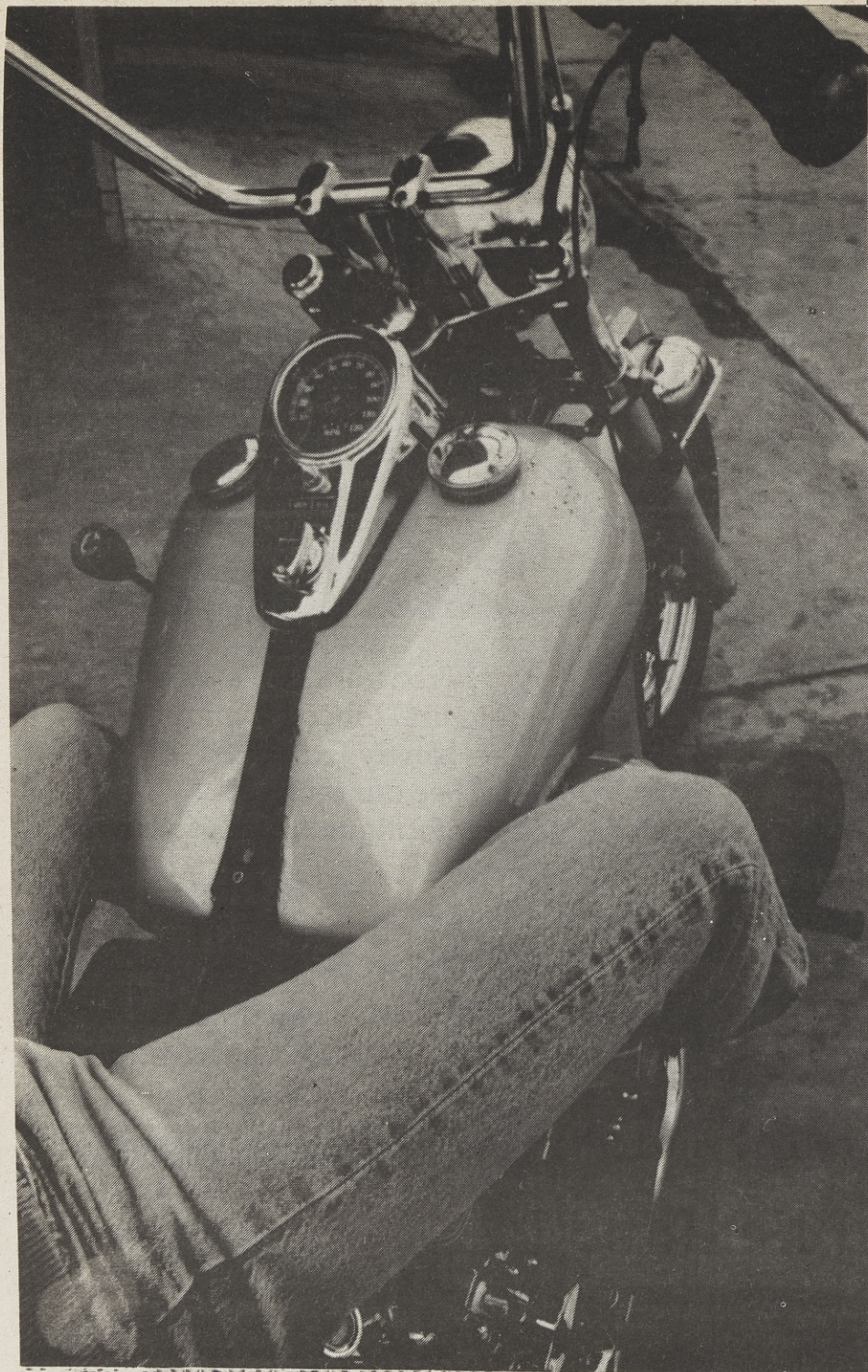
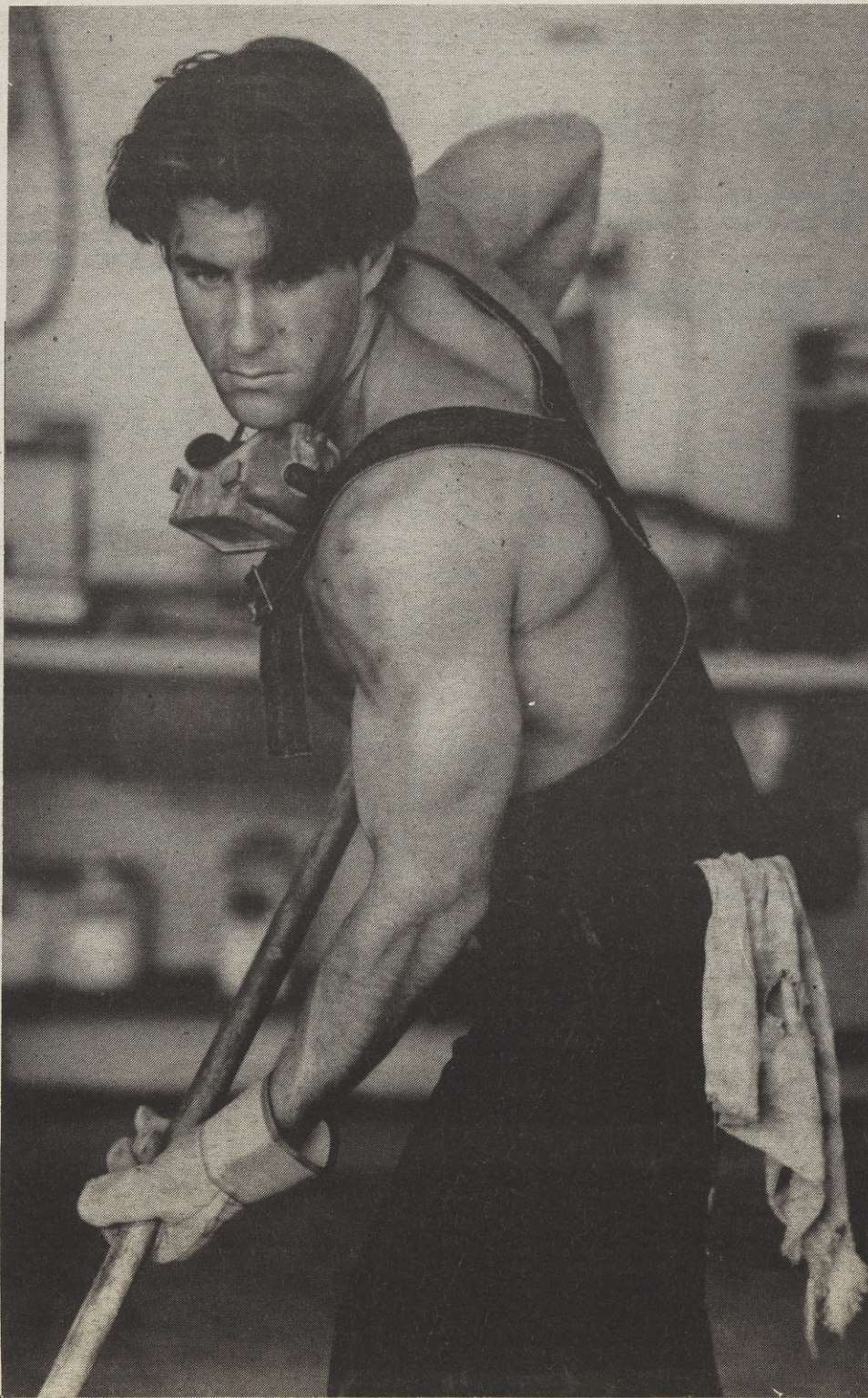
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Flash through the holidays

By John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

Traditions are very important in "our family" too. The **Sacramento Men's Chorus** continues a favorite tradition this holiday with **A Season of Diversity** concert on Dec. 18 & 19. The shows include aspects of Christmas, Chanuka, Winter, Kwanzaa and the New Year • One event not to miss is the **New Year's Eve Ball** at the Sacramento Grand Ballroom. Five lesbian and gay organizations are joining together to produce this extravagant evening. It's bound to be a sell-out so dash to the Center, Lioness Books or the Gifted Gardener for tickets • Happy 20th Anniversary to local celebs **Tony Miller** and **Pete Pavey**. Talk about an inspiration. And to top it off, Tony is throwing his hat into the political ring. We're all hoping he becomes California's next Secretary of State! Best wishes • The Lambda Center Library has been enriched thanks to CSUS professor **Marty Rogers**. He recently donated his collection of *Advocate* magazines from 1974 to the present. That's twenty years of history folks! What an incredible resource for the center • The **Lambda Community Center** is certainly in the spirit of the season. For the second year there's a beautifully lit tree out front. Behind the center you'll find a **Christmas Tree Lot**. Why not purchase a gay Christmas tree this year! • Overdue *get well wishes* are sent to **Kas Christopher** after his leg was shattered in a motorcycle mishap. Due to his rather tall frame (6'7") Kas will need to wear a variety of

casts for about four months! Keep the faith and hang in there • Happy December Birthdays to **Michael Dennis**, **Greg Friel** (who may be moving to San Francisco), Christmas baby **Karl Reynolds**, Lambda Player's **Delphi Michaels** and **MGW's Erich Mathias** • Congratulations to Mr. Gay Cowboy **Steve Martinez**. Steve always spreads good will during the holidays and throughout the year. Keep up the good work • Gay comedian **Scott Cappurro** who addressed the crowds at the film festival is now in the movies. You'll find him opposite Harvey Fierstein (playing Harvey's boyfriend) in *Mrs. Doubtfire* • Right in the heart of lavender square is **Beatniks** juice and food bar. Owner **Bob King** has put together a unique setting with fireplace on 20th Street. For a healthy alternative, check it out • One couple who celebrates on numerous occasions is **Ben Nicholson** and **Scott Vorhees**. They recently celebrated their rings anniversary. Here's to many more years • Here's a new way to come out to your parents: Recently an *MGW* reader placed a personal ad in hopes of meeting that special man and discovered—to his surprise—that he had mistakenly advertised his parents' home phone rather than his own. Guess who has a new phone number and an openly gay son? Duhhhh • **Rob Hunters** GalaxSea Cruises announced the purchase of **Rovico Cruises International, Inc.** of Sacramento. Rob hopes the acquisition will increase

his share of the Sacramento area cruise travel market and places the agency in a more competitive position • Mr. flash made it to the clothing store **Romero's** recently. The clothier at Pavilions has a full range of casual and dressy goods. Charles and Mike make the experience a pleasant and fun one. And even though the store carries "men's" clothing, women are encouraged to stop by too. Who knows you might even pick out a suit for a personal fitting! • Breaking new ground in town is **Hamburger Mary's Organic Grill**. Local entrepreneurs **Richard Boriolo** and **David Mansch** are the driving force (and investors) in the project. The two are hoping to open in Spring at a mid-town location. We'll keep you posted • The **What a Drag** catalogs are in the mail! To get your personalized, in-home service for glamorous wigs, shoes and fashion accessories galore...call 1-800-900-DRAG • **Michele Bowers** is embarking on a new business venture. Why not let her do some of your holiday baking! **Michele's Kitchen** serves up some incredible pies all with homemade crusts. Keep it in the family and call 442-4219 • The volleyball teams from Sacramento made a good showing in San Diego. (Even though there were no winning titles.) The **Sacramento Rise**, the **Barely B's** and the **Boy Toys** were some of the teams that shared the spotlight. They've all vowed to take home a trophy next year! • The controversial (yet attractive) boy toy **Marky Mark** has put together a fitness video. Many friends have asked me to encourage midtown's **Film for Days** to add this "inspirational" video to their stock. Even without Marky Mark the store is chock-full of titles of interest to the community • Happy Holidays...Play safe...John▼

Katz takes a powder



MGW/Linda Birner

A retirement party was held at the home of Gene Lewis for local dentist Art Katz, DDS, who was joined by many friends. Entertainment was provided by the Sacramento Chorus's Entourage troupe

Sacramento singer to perform

Returning from a six-month hiatus, Sacramento singer-songwriter Andra Dare joins local artists Joan Hawkins and Gabriel Nelson for an evening of music on Friday, Dec 17 at 8pm. Although Dare taped her last album, *Cut*, six months ago, both she and Hawkins will be debuting new material at the Guild Theater.

Called the successor to Sinead O'Connor, Laurie Anderson and Kate Bush, Dare is one of the bright spots of the Sacramento music scene, performing ethereal yet heart-felt music that belies her stormy stage presence. Her current work moves more toward the raw acoustic guitar and unadorned vocals of Tracey Chapman than the pyrotechnic electronic displays that marked her blazing local debut three years ago. But it still has the originality that has set her apart since her first album, *Myth Shackles*, was released in 1992.

"The new direction is more of a decision to go back to very human themes, themes about interpersonal relationships and private thoughts that come up frequently but aren't often addressed that openly," said Dare, who also is the lead singer of The Helium Girls.▼

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Lambda Center shines for holidays

By Teresa Flores
MGW/Staff

On a cold Sunday night over a hundred well-bundled individuals gathered to share Christmas carols, a visit with Santa Claus and the ceremonial lighting of a Christmas tree.

On Dec. 9 the Lambda Center held its 2nd annual Christmas tree lighting with entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and, of course, Santa Claus.

The gathering was used not only as a social event but also as a gift giving presentation for Lambda. The Court of the Greater Northwest Imperial Empire donated \$3000 and Terry Sidee, owner

of Faces, donated \$1000 to the Center.

The Sacramento Women's and Men's Choruses sang a



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number of festive holiday tunes at the beginning of the event. After the actual lighting of the Christmas tree took

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place Lambda's doors opened and children and adults alike filtered in to see Santa.

Judging by the emotional vibrations emanating from the corner of L and 20th streets, this ceremony was not only something to enjoy but also something to be proud of.

"It let's us celebrate family, and that we're not that different from the non-

gay community," said Sandy Thomas of The Lavender Angels who were busy patrolling the area that evening.

Even Santa Claus (aka Rob Thorbin) put in his two cents: "A lot of gay and lesbian people feel that having our own Christmas tree adds to the festivities for those people feel left out of mainstream of events."▼



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By Al Kielwasser
GLAAD/SFBA

Closet drinkers

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Food for thought on *Melrose Place*

During the Oct. 6 installment of *Melrose Place*, gay character Matt Fielding is invited to dinner at the home of a co-worker. Matt's colleague is a woman and he worries that she could have more on her mind than just a good meal. Matt tells another (heterosexual) friend about his apprehension over the fact that his dinner date might not know he is gay. Matt's friend replies: "How could she not know?"

That's an especially odd and ironic line, given the way Matt's character has been treated on *Melrose Place*. In fact, since Matt has never so much as held hands with or kissed another man, it's probable that even some of the programs viewers "don't know" about Matt!

During the much-

anticipated dinner, however, Matt does mention that he is gay. "Why didn't you tell me you were gay?" the woman asks. "Why didn't you tell me you were straight?" Matt replies.

Matt's answer is an important reminder to viewers that the "heterosexual presumption" is both ignorant and unfair. Assuming that people are heterosexual is a form of bigotry and, quite simply, it is an act of oppression—on television as well as in the "real world." Matt's direct, non-apologetic come-back is a welcome antidote to that assumption.

As always, *Melrose Place* earns a mixed review for this episode. To be sure, the program's use of a continuing gay character is literally exceptional. However, the series has yet to fulfill the character's promise, relegating him to a secondary status that insults us all. Of course, there is still the expectation that Matt will finally "blossom" this season. Continue sending encouragement to Darren Star, Executive Producer, *Melrose Place*, Spelling Enterprises, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 90036.

Doug Savant, the actor who plays Matt, has made a point of publicly stressing the importance of gay and lesbian characters on TV, stating that he hopes straight viewers will "begin to have the requisite compassion and understanding needed to obliterate the insidious evil that is homophobia." Fan letters may be sent to Doug Savant, c/o Jay Michael Bloom, 9200 Sunset Blvd., Suite 710, Los Angeles 90069.

Playboy magazine

One of the bastions of heterosexuality, *Playboy*, has

added the voice of Larry Kramer to the magazine's famous interview pages. Kramer—gay activist, author and ACT UP founder—gives a typically determined and passionate interview, despite some naive questions asked by the straight interviewer.

While Larry Kramer does not speak for every lesbian or gay man, he has always spoken bravely and loudly in defense of his beliefs. For *Playboy* to devote as much time as it does with Kramer suggests a willingness to approach a subject many of the magazine's subscribers might not appreciate. That sort of dialogue can only help to educate the heterosexual public about the depth and diversity of our lives and struggles.

Send feedback to *Playboy* magazine, 680 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611.

Soap Opera Weekly

The supermarket tabloid *Soap Opera Weekly* continues to be the unlikely vehicle for positive coverage of lesbian, gay and bisexual issues. In the past, the magazine has given wide support to soap operas that dealt affirmatively with lesbian, gay and AIDS-related themes. In the September 28 issue, *Soap Opera Weekly* includes "Former Daytime Actor Victim of Bias Crime." The story recounts a vicious attack on soap hunk Keith Pruitt. In addition to detailing the awful reality of hate crimes, the article quotes activists who criticize judicial homophobia, police indifference, and the largely untold story of antigay/lesbian hate violence in the United States. For once again keeping readers tuned in to lesbian and gay issues, send praise to

Mimi Torchin, Editor-in-Chief, *Soap Opera Weekly*, 41 West 25th Street, New York NY 10010.

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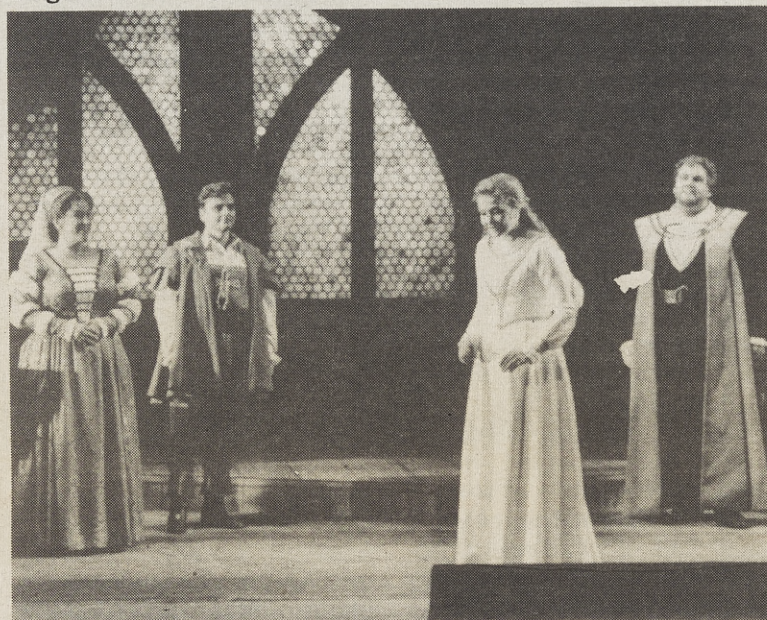
Elvira: Freakish and nasal

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and sang pleasantly with his smallish muscular tenor. The freakish high notes for which this role is notorious were sung securely on pitch. His fine acting made Arturo a vital character. Roberto Frontali sang Riccardo, who is also in love with Elvira, with a good-sized but somewhat nasal baritone. Alastair Miles' rich basso was a delight as Elvira's uncle Giorgio. Conductor Maurizio Arena's relaxed tempos gave the singers breathing room.

supertitles suddenly stopped). This murder precipitated, in midperformance, the most vituperative round of booing I have ever heard at the opera.


A gloriously sung performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades* closed the season. Vladimir Atlanov's powerful tenor and forceful acting captured the unbalanced obsession of the central character Gherman. Maria Guleghina's rich voice was ideal for Lisa and her acting made us feel the desperation



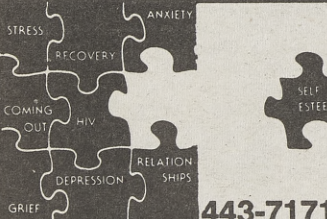
Andrei Serban's gloomy production turned this innocent piece into a "message" opera about the evils of war. This concept backfired as we saw maimed soldiers carried around to Bellini's lilting melodies. As Act II opened, the grievously wounded people littering the stage sang only about the tragedy of Elvira's betrayal by her lover. And worst of all, the happy ending was changed so that Riccardo stabbed Arturo while the singers continued their bubbly refrain (yet the

of her love for Gherman. As the ancient Countess, Leonie Rysanek gave us another unforgettable portrait. Her unique voice is still powerful and her acting was, as always riveting. Gino Quilico was a rich-voiced but gentle Yel-etsky, and all the other soloists sang with power and conviction. Edo de Waart conducted with energy but also savored the more subtle nuances of the score. The gorgeous sets and costumes put us right in the middle of the opulent splendor of Imperial Russia. ▼

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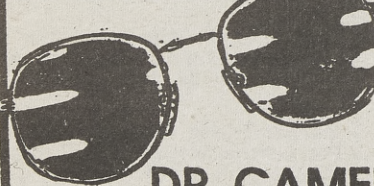

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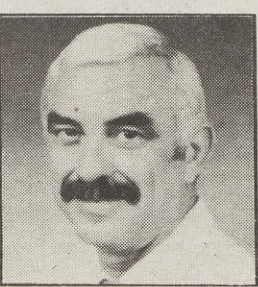
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More holiday tips for the pet lover

By Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

The pet owner and lover on our Christmas list is often the most difficult to buy for. So, I have wracked my brain, researched resources and queried my friends for more ideas to aid in this often awesome quest for the perfect gift.

For a person who "has everything," try giving a gift in their name to an organization. Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, OR 97502, provides dogs to deaf and hearing impaired individuals free of charge. Canine Companions for Independence supplies service dogs to the physically handicapped, hearing dogs for the deaf or hearing impaired and

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Locally, Sacramento Pets in Need, which provides funding for spay/neuter clinics for low-income residents, welcomes donations. Send them to 4620 Del Rio Rd., 95822. The S.P.C.A. at 6201 Florin-Perkins Rd, 95828 is

resident animals. Of course, some time spent walking the animals, grooming them and even doing some training helps make the animals more adoptable, so a gift of your time may be something that you might consider for this holiday season. If you are interested in volunteering, call the SPCA at 383-PETS (7387).

Both City and County Animal Control can use your time as part of their volunteer programs. City is located at 2127 Front Street, call them at 264-5623. County is located at 4290 Bradshaw Rd., call 366-2632, or the Volunteer Co-ordinator at 855-8982.

A pair of new books will make for good reading for dog lovers. Susan Conant, author of A Dog Lovers Mystery Series, i.e.: *Gone to the Dogs*, *Paws before Dying*, *A Bite of Death*, *Dead and Doggone* and *A new Leash on Life* are all available at local bookstores in paperback. Her latest, *Bloodlines* is in hardback and is published by Doubleday. Howell Book's latest by Carol Lea Benjamin, is available in hardcover also. *Surviving Your Dog's Adolescence - A Positive Training Program* is a welcome addition to any trainer's library, be they professional or amateur.

For the person interested in obedience competition, *Successful Obedience Handling, The New Best Foot Forward* by Barbara S. Handler, is a gem and the best book of its kind that I have found. And an old standby for those who are having everyday problems with everybody and everything in their lives form dealing with roommates to coping with the dog, Karen Pryor's *Don't Shoot the Dog* is a must read.

And, one last caution against bringing that new puppy into the household

during the holidays. It is a time of high stress, so a better bet is to give the paraphernalia that goes with a dog and then pick up the pup after the holidays when life gets back to normal. Also remember that the well-meaning gift of a pet for someone else often backfires. Since a pet is for life, everyone should be able to choose the one that they wish to live with, themselves.

And, on a lighter note, the following poem makes a good point about the Christmas Puppy and what really is in store.

Happy holidays from me and my canine family!▼

A Puppy For Christmas

by Stephanie Robinson
The morning of Christmas Was finally here!

We charged down the stairs With a roar and a cheer, But then we all stopped And stared at the tree, For there was a puppy Whose tag read, "For me."

Well, we were all 'me,' And we took her in, Though no one had asked For this addition to kin. Holidays aren't the best times To manage a pup, But of course we would never Just give her up.

We house-trained our 'Holly' In January's big snow, And we took her for walks In February's windy blow. March came in like a lion And went out like a lamb While Holly learned obedience, The basic commands.

By April and May She was our pride and our joy, More fun than our other Household Christmas toys. She outdid our doorbell, And our car alarm, Warmed feet more than slippers, All with oodles of charm.

But a warning for those Who want a dog far too soon, Christmas puppies are fun— If Christmas is in June!▼

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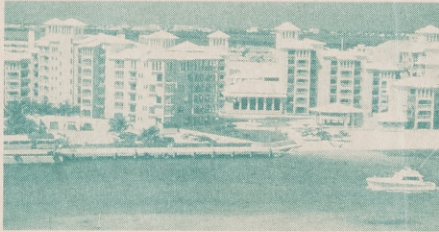
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Hndsm, healthy, brn/grn, 5'11, 175, fit, 27yo, serious, relationship minded, masculine. Seeks stable, secure, 25-40, serious. No drugs or bars, John, 557-8826.

GWM, 30, health conscious professional w/lover who travels. WLTW other GC's for friendship, movies, dinners, both as a couple and a single. N/D, social drink ok. 676-5683.

18 to 30yo, effeminate, slender, under 5'10, GWM to befriend & companion to 47 yo caring, sharing, GWM, 863-3029.

Mane Men. Penpal network for long-haired gay guys! To join, send photo & 2 Int'l Reply Coupons. Box 231, Str B, Ottawa, Canada, KLP6C4.

Meet other gay or bis. Jon, 368-1915.

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Gays & lesbians who have had near death experiences for a book. Confidentiality assured. Write K. Kochamp, 6400 Maryann, Placerville, 95667.

Lee from Oakland. A/K/A Shenina. Please call Bob in Santa Cruz. I need to see you. 408-425-1226.

Safe Sex Club for black men. Black Jack, Box 10776, Oakland 94610-0776. X15/94

MALE COUPLE SEEKS THIRD: TOFF TUFF. If this is you then please call 4875.

DISCREET: Wanted by 28 WM. 20-35 white dollars with blue attitudes. Must act straight, 7670.

MUST BE DRIVEN 40yo, 165lbs. Enjoys working out. Masc. WM used to be married. Seeks older man. Grey hair A+. Must be driven and relationship oriented. 4395.

22 YR OLD: 5'11, blond, blue, looking for simlr to go out, ballet going, movie watching, serious calls please. 8927.

CHICO: 38yo/o, looking for local men for fun times. 4991

WHY GO OUT? 27Y/O, enjoy going out sometimes, but mainly staying home with right one, call for hm number. 8396

ANYTHING GOES: GWM, 5'10, 160lbs, brw hair, blue eyes, seeking other couples/men for friendship/fun. 2978

ATTN ALL AVERAGE JOES: 26 y/o, with realistic outlooks is looking for military/blue collar/avg. guys/for fun times. 7932

YOUNG GUY SEEKS OLDER TYPES: 25 y/o, looking to have good times with men up to 35. 8919

OH, DADDY: 5'10, 180lbs, seeking older daddies, 35-50, into boxer shorts, please call & be discreet. 7467

FUN DAYS: 35yo/o, looking for daytime fun, leave name & number for poss. get together. 7306

EXOTIC: poly, Haw, 5'11, 170 lbs, long straight hair, stron personality, humorous, prof, seeks tall attrac, somewhat inexp. male. 1017

ITALIAN/HISPANIC: 20yo/o, 5'7, currently attending San Jose St. Univ, looking for someone to party with, (prefer under 30) 8303

SMOOTH FUN: 25yo/o 5'11, 155lbs, v-goodlkg, brw hair & eyes, clean shaven, masc. acting, looking for fun. 2052

CENTRAL AREA: 5'9, short brw hair, brw eyes, looking for other short haired men for evening/week-ends. 2858

SWEET TV: masc. acting seeks soft TV for fun. 5454

BIG TALKER 21yo/o looking to talk with all men. 5918

CUDDLE ME: I'm 39 and love to play, cuddle, like to get to know somebody. 1455

THICK BONED: 24 y/o, brn, 5'8, 155lbs, brw, skin, med build, thick boned, looking for tp men for fun times. 7540

OAKLAND BASE: 28, 6'3, short hair, brw eyes, looking for btm, under 30, smooth, if interested please call. 2725

YOUNG & READY: 22 y/o, looking for some into everything, call me. 3844

LOADS OF FUN: 23, 5'11, 175 lbs, looking for someone who likes to have fun, call soon, I'm lot of fun. 7586

MUSICIAN: 43, 5'8, 130lbs, slender, sensitive, brw hair/eyes, btm, looking for dom loving guy, w/dark hair to wake up to. 8572

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MARINA AREA: 23, 6', seeks friends to go out under 30. 7290

LET'S HANG: 20 y/o, 130lbs, 5'5, seeks masc men to get to know, hang out with. 2073

HISPANIC/ITALIAN: 6'2, workout 5 days/wk at Gold's, love to swim, bike ride. 4274

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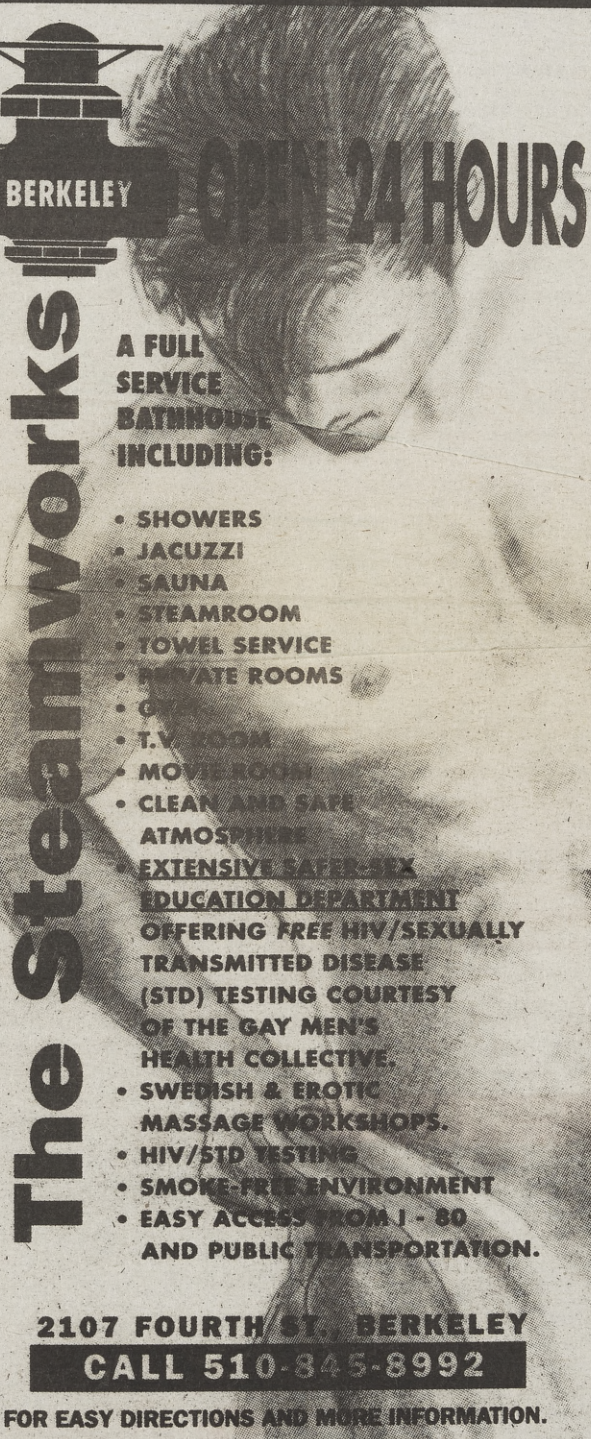
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D E C E M B E R

15 - Wednesday

LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm Lambda Center, 20th & L sts. 442-0185.

RECEPTION & GALLERY TALK. Norm Rosenberger "Lines and Colors in S.F." 5-7pm. CSUS, University Union, 6000 J St. 278-7250.

TEDDY BEAR OPEN HOUSE at Bear Castle. 6-9pm, 431 Broad, Nevada City, 265-5804.

CARES HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP at Buhler Bldg. 7:30pm, John, 446-3734.

LAMBDA CHRISTMAS TREE LOT 4-10pm, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

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16 - Thursday

SAGA IV SKATING PARTY \$5. 8:30 - 10:30 pm. Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd. Tom, 635-1555.

LEZZIE HOLIDAY SHOW Family fun and lesbian family holidays. 2pm. Tribad Productions, Guerneville. 707-545-9806.

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DYKES OUT TOGETHER "Immaculate Conception Celebration" hike along the American River, 7pm, Diana, 487-3124.

MEET HEATHER FARGO, RCDC endorsed candidate, 5:30-7:30pm, Judith Weintraub Gallery, 1723 J St. 565-1993.

17 - Friday

LAMBDA CHRISTMAS TREE LOT Noon-Midnite, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

SCRAPBOOK FOR SARAH An original Performance Art Collaboration by Dexter Smith & Margret Boone featuring music by Tim Randles & Wes Woodard. The story of a 16 year old girl who lost her family to AIDS. 8pm. Free. Matrix Art Gallery, 1725 I St. 447-6209.

SACRAMENTO PERFORMANCES. Circus Flora. 7:30pm, \$10-\$25, Cal Expo, 264-5181 or 923-BASS.

THE RED NOSE BALL A semi-formal holiday dance to benefit Gay Games 94-New York. \$30, Tuesday Club, 27th & L St.

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A CHANTICLEER CHRISTMAS 8pm, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

LES/B/GAY YOUTH GROUP Support group for 23 years and under to discuss the challenges of growing up gay. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

CAFE LAMBDA The First Annual Lambda Cafe Christmas party, Good Friends, Good Coffee & Desserts. 8pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

GAY/LESBIAN NIGHT AT DISNEYLAND Through Sunday. Contact Sports Leisure travel for travel packages, 361-2051.

CHICO FRIDAY NIGHT CAFE Marketplace and holiday theme, 6-10pm, SAC, 820 W. 7th St. Chico, 893-3336.

VALLEY KNIGHTS PIZZA GATHERING 8pm, Straw Hat Pizza, Old Sac, 443-7461.

VIOLENT FEMMES plus special guest. 8pm, The Warfield, SF. BASS.

GAY SPIRIT GATHERING Thru the 26 with Pacific Men, Hawaii. 800-800-6886.

18 - Saturday

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LESBIAN BAR REUNION Celebrate the "Off Key" Sacramento's first lesbian bar. 8pm-2am, 1040 Soule St. W. Sac. Cherie gordon, 737-6139.

SACRAMENTO MASTER SINGERS Holiday Concert. 8pm, \$10. St. Mary's Church, 58th & M St. 331-6151.

POKER CLUB For lesbian couples over 35. K or J, 649-1182.

SACRAMENTO FRONT RUNNERS A lesbian and gay running club. Morning run. All levels welcome. Jim 387-8275.

THE FIRST FLOOR, The Triple Shot trio and The Villains. \$3, 801 K St. 446-8000.

YOUTH SOCIAL 8pm to midnight. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP with Marjorie Thirkettle. 4:30-6pm, RCMCC, 36th & Broadway 737-3416.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER Poker, board games and ping pong. Bring snacks or drinks to share, 7pm, Laura, 487-0554.

19 - Sunday

LAMBDA CHRISTMAS TREE LOT 4-10pm, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

SACRAMENTO PERFORMANCES. Circus Flora. 2 & 7:30pm, \$10-\$25, Cal Expo, 264-5181 or 923-BASS.

G.L.A.D. TOASTMASTERS Club, MCC, 34th & Broadway, North Hall, 12:30am, 362-9013.

WOMEN OF COLOR SUPPORT GROUP 7:15 pm Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Pam, 442-0185.

TEDDY BEAR OPEN HOUSE at Bear Castle. 1-5pm, 431 Broad, Nevada City, 265-5804.

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CHICO BIKE RIDING GROUP 4-6pm, SAC, 820 W. 7th St. Chico. 893-3336.

SACRAMENTO CHAMBER SINGERS Sacred and seasonal music. 3pm, free with museum admission, Crocker Art Gallery, 729-1096.

20 - Monday

TWIN SPIRIT VETERANS ASSOC. Dessert social at Mason's house & nomination for new officers. 7:30-9pm. 863-3020 ext. 6000, for directions.

LAMBDA CHRISTMAS TREE LOT 4-10pm, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

UMOJA Support collective for Lesbians of African Descent. 7pm. Women's Civil Improvement Club, 3555 3rd Ave. 452-1102.

SACRAMENTO PERFORMANCES. Circus Flora. 7:30pm, \$10-\$25, Cal Expo, 264-5181 or 923-BASS.

BARRY MANILOW "Greatest Hits...And Then Some" Concert. Benefit for AIDS organizations. Arco Arena. 928-6900, 923-BASS, or SAF, 448-2437.

RCDC HOLIDAY POTLUCK with friends from Latino Demo, Harold Washington Demo and Asian-Pacific Islander Demo clubs. 6:30, YWCA, 17th & L sts.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP Rap group concerning coming out and alternative life styles. 5:30pm. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185.

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Bette Midler will perform at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco on Dec. 29, 30, 31. Info: 415/541-0800.

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PFLAG Dr. Dr. Will Green will lead a rap session. 7pm, Educational Bldg. St. Marks Methodist Church, St. Marks Way and Lusk Dr., near Watt and El Camino. 665-1050.

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MAD DOG RADIO 6-8pm. 456-5199 for requests. To order cable radio call Shane Carpenter, 456-8600.

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24 - Friday

CHRISTMAS AIDS WALK-A-THON Starts at 10am, Roosevelt Park, bring unwanted toys-clothes and contributions. 927-1409.

25 - Saturday

MERRY CHRISTMAS

26 - Sunday

WOMEN OF COLOR On going social/support environment for women of color who love other women. 7:15 pm Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Pam, 442-0185.

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VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE Vote for Heather!, Supervisor, 1st district.

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HEART TO HEART HIV+ support group for gay and bi males. 6:30 to 8 pm. SAF, 2nd Floor, 920 20th St. 448-2437.

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B.A.C.W. NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION Live music with Deuce, sit down dinner & dessert buffet, two dance floors, 7:30-1am, Grand Hyatt Hotel. \$75-\$80. Call for reservations, no door sales, 415-495-5393.

WOMEN'S MUSIC AND NEW YEARS BASH The Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis, 756-2616.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL Entertainment by Second Wind, Hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar. \$30. Sacramento Grand Ballroom, 629 J St. Tickets: Lioness Books, Lambda Community Center, The Gifted Gardener.

A COMMUNITY AFFAIR WITH FLAIR New Year's Eve Dance. Party hats, noise makers, friends and family. Proceeds to AIDS Charities. \$10 9pm-2am, Chico Women's Club, 592 E. 3rd St. 1-893-3336.

IMA NEW YEARS! Kathryn Warner, Sandy Ayala and Sharon Burch. IMA Cultural Center, Bodega, 707-876-3004.

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SANDRA BERNHARD & The Strap-Ons, 10 pm, Orpheum Theatre, SF. 415-541-0800.

MASTER CALENDER FOR GAY/LESBIAN/BI EVENTS

Phoenix Gay Rodeo	January 14 - 16, 1994
Los Angeles Gay Rodeo	April 15-17, 1994
AIDS Memorial Candlelight March	May, 1994
WEAVE Auction	May 5, 1994
CAP PAC Annual Dinner	May 14, 1994
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	May 27-30, 1994
Lambda Center Awards Dinner	June, 1994
Lambda Freedom Fair Celebration	June, 1994
Los Angeles Gay Pride Celebration	June 11-12, 1994
S.F. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival	June 9-19, 1994
Gay Games - New York	June 18-25, 1994
S.F. Gay Pride Parade	June 19, 1994
N.Y. Stonewall 25 March	June 26, 1994
Rainbow Festival Street Fair	September 4, 1994
San Diego Gay Rodeo	September 23-25, 1994
RCDC Lambda Awards Dinner	October, 1994
Castro Street Fair	October 2, 1994
National Coming Out Day	October 11, 1994
Camping Women Dutch flat Days	September 9, 10, 11, 1994
MGW Newspaper's 17th Anniversary	November, 1993
World AIDS Awareness Day/A Day Without Art	December 1, 1994
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